

The Queen returns home

» She returns to Buckingham Palace for final time, where grandchildren meet her

» Crowds line roadsides as her coffin travels through London, with many cheering

» Her daughter, Princess Anne, says it has been 'an honour to accompany her' this week, adding: 'We may have been reminded how much we took her for granted'

» Charles III's staff were given redundancy note during church service for his mother

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COVER STORY

Queen returns to Buckingham

By Cahal Milmo
CHIEF REPORTER

After a three-day journey in which the Queen's death was recast from a solemn pronouncement to the more tangible grief of a flower-topped and flag-draped coffin attended by her children, the late monarch returned to Buckingham Palace for the final time last night.

Crowds gathered in the rain to witness the hearse carrying the Queen's body on the last leg of its transfer from Edinburgh. Following its journey through west London from RAF Northolt, her coffin was received by the King and the Queen Consort at the Palace – the redoubt of royalty from which Elizabeth II made what was to be her final balcony appearance on her Platinum Jubilee 14 weeks ago.

As the procession passed through the gates and into the quadrangle, there were cheers and applause, before three cries of “hip, hip, hooray” went up from the crowd.

Among the members of the Royal Family gathered at Buckingham Palace last night as the Queen lay at rest were the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

The increasingly public role that will be played by Harry and Meghan in the coming days was underlined by confirmation last night that they will also form part of the procession to follow the Queen's coffin this afternoon as it is brought to Westminster Hall.

The Duke of Sussex will walk behind the coffin alongside his brother, father and aunt and uncles, while the Duchess and the Princess of Wales will be among those following in cars.

As the late monarch was returned to Buckingham Palace, Anne, the Princess Royal, paid tribute to her mother, saying that it had been “an honour and a privilege” to accompany her coffin on the journeys from Balmoral to Edinburgh and then onwards to London.

In a statement, Princess Anne said: “I was fortunate to share the last 24 hours of my dearest mother's life. It has been an honour and a privilege to accompany her on her final journeys. Witnessing the love and respect shown by so many on these journeys has been both humbling and uplifting.”



The Queen's coffin is lifted into the state hearse at RAF Northolt

“We will all share unique memories. I offer my thanks to each and every one who share our sense of loss. We may have been reminded how much of her presence and contribution to our national identity we took for granted.”

“I am also so grateful for the support and understanding offered to my dear brother Charles as he accepts the added responsibilities of the monarch. To my mother, the Queen, thank you.”

The Queen's coffin remained overnight in the Bow Room, which opens out on to the Palace gardens, as the painstaking choreography of her funeral entered its final phases.

This afternoon, her oak casket will be brought in a procession, led as in Edinburgh on foot by the King and other senior royals, to lie in state at Westminster Hall.

Shortly thereafter, the first public mourners from a queue that will come to be seen as a metaphor for the sheer extent of national grief will enter the 900-year-old hall within the Palace of Westminster to pay their respects.

They will be followed by hundreds of thousands more, all aware that the price of a personal farewell to Britain's longest-serving monarch is an epic wait on the capital's streets that could exceed 24 hours.

Delroy Morrison, 61, from Wembley, north-west London, was among the latest to join the rapidly expanding queue on the southern side of Lambeth Bridge over the Thames.

Explaining that he had brought with him supplies consisting of “mostly biscuits – and carrots, apples and a pear”, he said he viewed the waiting time as a small gesture to a Queen of such longstanding. He said: “After 70 years [on the throne], this is nothing. This is a piece of cake.”

Even those trying to follow the Queen's final journey from home were forced to queue: nearly six million people tried to track the RAF C-17A Globemaster online during yesterday's flight to RAF Northolt, bringing the servers of the Flightradar24 website to a grinding halt.

As the King continued his confirmatory tour of the United Kingdom yesterday, his overlapping obligations of succession and commemoration brought him to perhaps the most sensitive part of his own reign so far as he arrived in Northern Ireland. In this corner of his realm, the Crown he represents is fervently adhered to but remains for many in the nationalist community a contested conduit of authority.

Alex Maskey, a former republican prisoner who is now the speaker of the Assembly, told the King that the late Queen, who famously shook the hand of deputy first minister and former IRA commander Martin McGuinness, had been “not a distant observer” in the peace process.

Some 200 miles to the east, Scotland bid its farewell to the Queen as the lying-at-rest in Edinburgh's St Giles' Cathedral came to a close after thousands had queued through the night to view the coffin.



PEOPLE

Crowds seize the moment – ‘We will never see this again’

By Ellen O'Dwyer

Sheena McDonald did not mind waiting in the pouring rain to catch a glimpse of the Queen's coffin making its journey home to Buckingham Palace last night.

Speaking through tears moments after witnessing the state hearse move slowly through the dark down Constitution Hill she said: “It's the end of an era. She's been part of my life for over 60 years.”

She was among thousands who had lined The Mall, and even more were waiting on the edges of the A40 and streets of

central London, as crowds of well-wishers turned out to stretch almost the entirety of the Queen's route from RAF Northolt.

Among those who had queued shoulder-to-shoulder to wait outside at the Palace gates, emotions were running high, but the crowd remained calm and respectful.

“She showed humility throughout her reign and she got through 96 years of it because of her sense of humour,” said Julie Smith. “I think she is the greatest statesperson that has ever lived.”

As the coffin passed, draped in the Royal Standard and adorned

with flowers, mourners cheered and clapped. Others wept silently. Outriders stopped, with their heads bowed, at the end of the journey, while a police officer at the gate saluted.

Garreth Mahon said that he thought of his parents, who served in the Armed Forces, as the Queen returned to Buckingham Palace. “I didn't expect to feel this emotional,” he added. “I am so glad I came, I knew I just had to be here.”

As the hearse moved around the Victoria Memorial and made its way through the main gates of the Palace, the thousands waiting

Palace for the final time



The Queen's coffin passes through central London, having left Edinburgh accompanied by Anne, the Princess Royal (above), to be met by the King (below) after he returned from his visit to Northern Ireland PA; GETTY



Troops march from Buckingham Palace to Westminster, rehearsing today's ceremonial parade, which will carry the Queen's coffin by gun carriage GETTY

at the barricades were silent: some held out their phones, some just watched.

Moments later, the silence was broken by an ebullient round of applause and cheers as the hearse drove into the Palace and out of public view.

The King and Camilla, the Queen Consort, along with other royals, met the coffin at the Palace in private. There it remains until its journey to the Palace of Westminster in a large-scale procession today.

As they had done since the news of the Queen's ill health was issued on Thursday, dedicated crowds began waiting at the Palace hours before her coffin had even left Scotland. Some had begun waiting at barricades since the early morning.

They stood as drizzle turned into steady rain, falling on coats, hats and umbrellas

shared among mourners – once strangers, now friends – as the wind turned cold.

In the hours before the coffin

arrived, many in the crowd told **i** they had felt compelled to come, even if they did not know why.

"It's hard to put into words

really. I guess she's always been there in my lifetime," said Jane Kohler, who planned to camp overnight to see the procession from the Palace to Westminster Hall today.

"I just felt like I had to come. All my friends were telling me to come. 'Just do it for us,' they said, because they couldn't get here," she added.

Shaleeza Patali agreed. She said that she felt pulled to witness the event because it brought back memories of her own sister's death in January.

"Something was pulling me here, saying 'go, go, go,'" she said, adding that she felt that the Queen was watching over the Palace and mourners below.

Ms Patali said: "When I thought about how much she had put into her role – she put into everything – I felt that I had to be here."

Letter from
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Queen would have enjoyed lively send-off from crowd

The Queen meticulously planned events after her death, down to the tiny details – like spot-lighting her coffin in the hearse, making it visible far away in the gloom of a rainy autumn night in London.

The late monarch could not legislate for the public reaction. What we are seeing is not the weeping that greeted the death of Princess Diana. The Queen was 96, after all, and while much loved she has been preparing us for this week for the past few years.

Yesterday, however, the scenes were in their own way very poignant as the RAF delivered her to Northolt and her coffin was driven through west London to Buckingham Palace.

Crowds lined the sides of the A40, cars abandoned in the opposite fast lane, hazards blinking. There were silent salutes, applause, a lot of cheering and tooting horns. One suspects that she might have enjoyed that reception, a boisterous celebration of her life.

Some people feel alienated by the pageantry, of course (see reports on pages 10–11). Several republicans have been wrongly silenced by police officers – with a few misguided members of the constabulary putting the ploy after PC. They are still exceptions.

For many, though, this week has unusual intensity, capturing public conversation, throwing a blanket over other far-reaching news like the war in Ukraine, suffocating debate about the cost of living crisis. History has collided with a public's affections. The Queen was such a fixture that her death remains unreal. It is an unprecedented event in most of our lives, unlikely to be repeated on this scale no matter how long or short Charles III reigns.

Come Monday's funeral, the public will have been able to view the Queen's coffin for a week. Many more will have stood by a roadside to pay their own respects, as she journeyed through Scotland and London.

This choreography helps people to begin processing their grief or sadness – and to create a vast communal experience that will resonate for generations.

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People wait to be first in line to bid farewell to the Queen and, below, directions in place AP: GETTY

TRIBUTES

Up to 30 hours in the queue for lying-in-state

By Chloe Chaplain
POLITICAL REPORTER

People wishing to pay their final respects to Queen Elizabeth II during the lying-in-state will stand in line for five miles in a queue snaking across London, day and night, from this evening.

About 1,000 volunteers have been drafted in to support the mammoth event in the capital, which is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of members of the public.

Samaritans will offer "emotional support" to grieving visitors and the

Salvation Army are to provide a "listening ear" for mourners, the Government said, while the Red Cross, Scouts and St John's Ambulance will also be on hand to help those waiting to view the Queen's coffin.

Lambeth Palace is due to arrange a multi-faith service to provide support to members of the public.

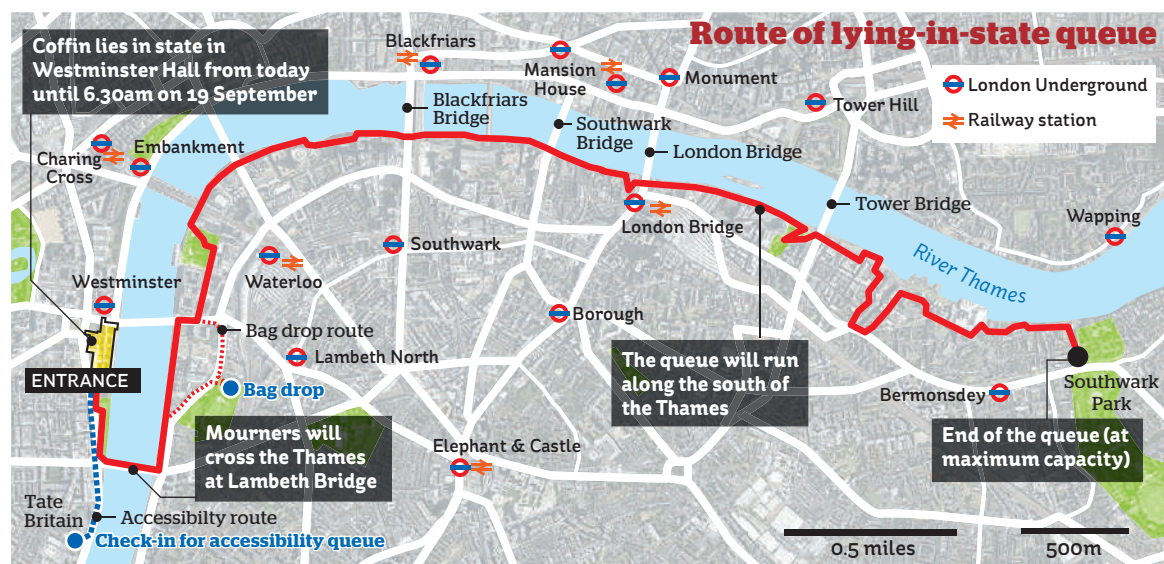
Welfare areas providing tea and coffee, with places to sit down, will be set up in churches and community centres along the route, as well as eight first aid points.

Toilets and cafés in local buildings will be opened 24 hours for those in

the queue, with mourners able to enter the likes of the National Theatre, and Shakespeare's Globe for refreshments. Entertainment will be provided by the British Film Institute, which will have an outdoor screen showing archive footage of the Queen and her reign.

The Southbank Centre, meanwhile, will present an archive display as well as playing out specially curated playlist from speakers in trees dotted along the river.

Step-free access will be available in the main queue but there will also be a separate shorter line for people





Anita Atkinson (above); Sarah Langley (below); and Bryan Tudor (right) are all gearing up for a long wait before they can view the Queen's coffin ^{AP}



SOCIETY

'She's worth it' – the people already waiting in line

By Patrick Grafton-Green

Grandmother-of-five Anita Atkinson, one of the first to take her place in an unofficial queue to pay tribute to the Queen as she lies in state, said waiting in line for 30 hours is "nothing in exchange for 70 years of utter devotion".

The royal superfan, from County Durham, who has collected thousands of pieces of royal memorabilia dating back to George III, arrived in London this morning to join a line that formed near Lambeth Bridge yesterday before the official route had even been published.

"Two days before she died she was still doing her duty meeting the new Prime Minister, this is the least we can do," she said.

Ms Atkinson, who gives talks on the monarchy in Weardale, where she lives, added: "I have spent a lifetime devoted to Elizabeth II. I can't remember the last time I cried, I cried when my mum died 30 years ago, but I cried for the Queen."

Others joining the queue before it officially opens today had come equipped with warm clothes, sleeping bags, fold up chairs and plenty of food, with a wait of up to 35 hours expected.

Londoner Sarah Langley, 55, was the fourth person to arrive at just after midnight yesterday. She said she needed to be at the

front of the queue as she only has a small window of time before her next shift at work begins this evening, two hours after the lying-in-state opens.

"She was an absolutely beautiful lady that we all loved," Ms Langley said. "You don't miss someone until they are not there any more and it will take me many years to come to terms with that."

Bryan Tudor, 60, had travelled from Luton to pay his respects, and joined the queue at 5am yesterday.

"This is the first time I've done anything like this but I felt I had to come down," he said.

"I have come to pay my respects to the Queen and her family, she

has been in power all my life, she has done really, really well and empowered a lot of women, in Britain and around the world."

Another royal fan, 49-year-old Frank, travelled from Northampton and joined the line at 7am yesterday.

He said: "I wanted to be part of history. It's a once-in-a-lifetime event. I actually saw her when I was younger. My school was named after her and they made us all queue up and watch as she drove past."

British Army veteran David Carlson, 75, said he was joining the queue to pay his final respects to his "boss".

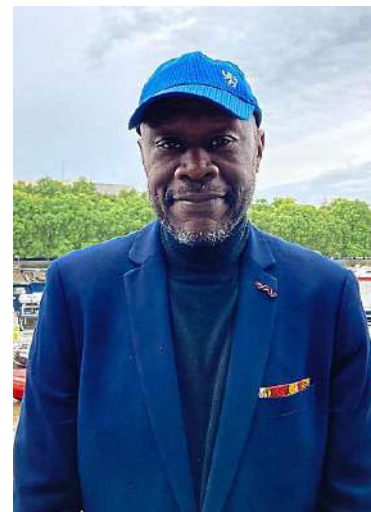
He said: "I took an oath to serve her. And she swore an oath when she was young to serve the country for the rest of her life, which she did."

The Queen's lying-in-state does not begin until 5pm but Mr Carlson was not daunted by having to wait on the banks of the River Thames overnight.

"I have a plastic bag to sit on and plenty of cigarettes to keep me going, so I'll be fine," he added.

Mr Carlson, who served in Malaysia and Indonesia in the 1960s for the 2nd Royal Green Jackets, is just as impressed by King Charles III.

"He's done a fantastic job despite not having time to grieve properly. I feel for the entire Royal Family," he said.



who are unable to wait for many hours in line.

The Government has warned anyone considering attending, especially those with medical conditions and those thinking of bringing children, to plan accordingly and be prepared for significant waiting times, possibly overnight.

There are also expected to be transport delays because of large crowds travelling into central London, although some

train services will be operating throughout the night.

Thousands of mourners are expected to turn out to file past the Queen's coffin from the start of the official lying-in-state today until it closes at 6.30am on Monday.

The line will run beside the River Thames to the Palace of Westminster from Southwark Park, trailing past landmarks including the London Eye, Tate Modern and HMS Belfast.

Once in the queue, people will be given a numbered wristband which will allow them to briefly exit the line to use facilities. Upon arrival to Victoria Gardens, next to the Palace of Westminster, mourners will pass through airport style security.

Inside the palace, attendees will file past the coffin, which will be raised on a catafalque and draped in the Royal Standard, with the Orb and Sceptre placed on top.

The Government said the queue would be shut once capacity has been reached and it would give regular updates on queue length and estimated time on social media.

Chief executive of the Scouts, Matt Hyde, said 120 young volunteers from across the country would be attending to the queue, adding that the historic organisation was "honoured to play our part".



Long and winding walk

■ The head of the queue will be at the Albert Embankment, and it will stretch along Belvedere Road, behind the London Eye, and along the South Bank. Then it will follow the River Thames to Southwark Park

■ Once through Albert Embankment, people will be directed across Lambeth Bridge, into Victoria Tower Gardens and through security before entering the Palace of Westminster

■ A separate accessible route, one for which timed entry slots will be issued, will begin at Tate Britain. British Sign Language interpreters will be available

■ Toilets and water fountains are available along the route, and St John Ambulance will be on hand.

SOCIETY

Separate 'accessible' queue to see Queen

By Adam Sherwin and Paul Gallagher

Disabled people will be able to join a separate line when they enter the queue for the lying-in-state for the Queen.

A shorter, "special access" route, intended for people with disabilities and impairments, will run from Tate Britain to the Houses of Parliament.

Initial advice published by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) simply stated that "step-free access" would be available for those who needed it.

But new guidance, announced last night, included details on an accessible queuing scheme which will be made available for those with a disability or long-term condition which means they are unable to queue for an extended period of time.

Those requiring the queue, which opens at 5pm today can be accompanied by one carer or a companion.

"If you go to the accessible kiosk at

Tate Britain on Millbank, you will be given a timed entry slot for the lying-in-state," the advice read.

"But please note that there will be limited capacity for the accessible queue each day, so entrance is not guaranteed."

The guidelines suggest entry to the special access route will be at the discretion of police and marshals and those with less visible disabilities are not expected to not be asked to produce proof of their condition.

It added: "Queue marshals will actively monitor the queue to identify and consider arrangements for guests that may be experiencing difficulty in the queue."

Officials have discussed concerns that people might "feign disabilities" in order to jump the longer five-mile queue to Westminster Hall.

More than 1,000 volunteers, stewards and Metropolitan Police officers will be on hand to assist members of the public queuing to pay their respects to the late Queen over the coming days.

Up to 600 St John Ambulance volunteers will also be there to support the expected 750,000 mourners waiting to see the coffin lying in state in the Palace of Westminster.

Officials have advised the public to bring food and water and to be prepared to stand or move slowly while they wait.

TRANSPORT

Night trains for mourners

By Steve Robson

Overnight trains will run from London to as far as the East Midlands after the Queen's funeral.

Rail services are being ramped up for the expected influx of visitors.

Transport bosses have warned that London will experience "unprecedented travel demand" in the coming days due to the Queen's lying-in-state and her funeral and have confirmed a "very limited" number of trains will run through the night.

It is understood most of these will be commuter trains from outer London and surrounding counties.

Chiltern Railways is running a service starting this evening which leaves Marylebone, London, for Oxford at 3.15am, and another going the other way leaving at 1.35am.

A spokesperson for East Midlands confirmed a limited service on the Midland Main Line as far as Leicester and Derby overnight from Monday 19 September into Tuesday.

Avanti will add eight extra services every day between London and Manchester, which will an extra 16,000 seats on the route during this busy period.

SCOTLAND

33,000 people file past the Queen's coffin in Edinburgh

By Chris Green
SCOTLAND EDITOR

People coming out of St Giles' Cathedral on to Edinburgh's Royal Mile were still crying, or red-eyed from the tears they had shed, after witnessing the Queen lying at rest yesterday.

As they emerged into the sunshine, some turned to those they had met for the first time when they joined the queue hours earlier and embraced them as though they were old friends.

Over the course of 21-and-a-half hours, through a combination of meticulous planning and patience, about 33,000 people were able to file past the monarch's coffin and pay their respects, with some queueing through the night to do so.

Such was the demand for a place, the Scottish Government announced that the queue had closed shortly after 12.30pm, more than two hours before the vigil officially ended at 3pm.

Maire Therese, from Coatbridge in North Lanarkshire, queued for six hours on Monday night and finally entered the cathedral to see the Queen's coffin around 11.30pm.

"It wasn't a long wait when you set it against the length of service of the Queen – it wasn't an hour for every decade that she served me," she told *i*.

Ms Therese described the atmosphere inside St Giles' as "prayerful, quiet and respectful", with tears filling her eyes when asked for her thoughts on seeing the Queen.

"It was very emotional," she said. "I related it to the loss of my own mum this time last year. We were not monarchists, but she would say



People queue in George Square Gardens (right) to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II at St Giles' Cathedral (above and below) AP/GETTY; REUTERS; AP



"I grew up with the Queen", because they were the same age, so I put the two of them together."

The 63-year-old spent 15 minutes

inside the cathedral because, while she was paying her respects, there was a changing of the guard around the coffin and prayers were read.

Determined to stay in Edinburgh to witness the departure of the Queen's coffin, she went to Waverley Station, where she and dozens of other people with nowhere to stay were ushered on to a warm train to spend what remained of the night.

Karen Hill, 51, travelled from Edzell Woods in Aberdeenshire to join the queue. She served for 33 years in the British Army and said the death of the Queen was like losing "your boss" and "the nation's granny" at the same time. "I've done 33 years, she gave immeasurably more than what I could ever give. I had to sacrifice my family at times for operations and whatnot, but she did it her whole life," she added.

Ms Hill paid her respects alongside Helen Lessliejack, 76, from Edinburgh. "She's a national treasure and will continue to be," Ms Lessliejack said.

"As we walked up there was a beautiful, all-white arrangement of flowers, and not until we passed it did we have the beautiful smell of the lilies. It was just gorgeous and it set the scene.

"We were moving slowly past the coffin, but we had time to stop and nod our heads or curtsy. It was incredible – to see the Scottish crown and know that it's over her head."

Keith Jackson, 61, from Edinburgh, who queued for an hour-and-a-half, said the cathedral was "quiet and serene" despite the large crowds outside.

"I wouldn't call myself a royalist, but I admired the Queen. I think she was a great head of state for this country and she's been in this country all my lifetime, so I wanted to take the chance to pay my respects to her. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity."



Order of service What's happening in the days ahead

TODAY

In a tribute to his late mother, the King will lead today's procession behind the gun carriage carrying her coffin to Westminster Hall, where the Queen's lying-in-state will begin before the state funeral on Monday.

The coffin, adorned with the Imperial State Crown, will be transported on a gun carriage of The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery from Buckingham Palace.

The King, members of the Royal Family and senior staff of the late Queen and King's households will walk slowly behind in a dignified silence without music in a route that will take 38 minutes. The Archbishop of Canterbury will conduct a short service following the coffin's arrival.

Those wishing to pay their respects will be able to file solemnly past the Queen's coffin 24 hours a day from 5pm today until 6.30am on the day of the funeral.

Senior royals are also expected to pay their own tribute, standing guard at some stage around the coffin.

TOMORROW

The lying-in-state continues and a rehearsal is likely to take place for the state funeral procession.

FRIDAY

The King and Queen Consort are expected to travel to Wales while the lying-in-state continues.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY

The lying-in-state continues and heads of state will begin to arrive for the funeral.

MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

There will be a national bank holiday to allow as many people as possible to watch the Queen's funeral. The lying-in-state will continue until 6.30am.

The coffin will be taken in a grand military procession from the Palace of Westminster to Westminster Abbey for the state funeral.

Senior members of the family will follow behind.

The military will line the streets

and also join the procession.

Heads of state, prime ministers and presidents, European royals and key figures from public life will be invited to gather in the abbey, which can hold a congregation of 2,000.

After the service, the coffin will be taken in procession from Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch and then travel to Windsor.

Once there, the hearse will travel in procession to St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle via the Long Walk, after which a televised committal service will take place in St George's Chapel.

Later in the evening, there will be a private interment service with senior members of the Royal Family.

The Queen's final resting place will be the King George VI Memorial Chapel, an annex to the main chapel – where her mother and father were buried, along with the ashes of her sister, Princess Margaret.

Prince Philip's coffin will be moved from the Royal Vault to the memorial chapel to join the Queen's.

TRAVEL

Center Parcs relents after plan to eject families backfires

By Steve Robson

Holidaymakers were left furious when Center Parcs informed them that it would be closing all of its holiday villages during the bank holiday for the Queen's funeral.

The company sent out a message saying the decision had been made "as a mark of respect and to allow as many of our colleagues as possible to be part of this historic moment". It said guests could cut short their stays and get a refund for nights missed.

Others were told they could check out by 10am on Monday, stay somewhere else overnight and then check back in the following day – an idea one mother found "baffling".

"I totally understand closing activities and restaurants but why could people in our position not remain in our self-catering lodge?" said the

woman, who asked not to be named. The mother said she rang Center Parcs to enquire about moving her break and was offered another week that was £1,000 more expensive.

After an online backlash, the company appeared to carry out a partial U-turn last night.

"We have... reviewed our position regarding the very small number of guests who are not due to depart on Monday and we will be allowing them to stay on our villages rather than having to leave and return on Tuesday," it said. "Villages will still remain closed on Monday and we will be offering a discount for the lack of facilities available on that day."

One Twitter user replied: "Good luck removing guests from the parks. You've trained them in archery, shooting, swimming, canoeing and swinging through the trees like apes."



MONARCHY

Prince Harry will not wear military garb for events

By Nick Duffy

Prince Harry will not wear military uniform during events marking the death of the Queen over the next week, his spokesperson confirmed.

While working royals are expected to appear in full military regalia, the Duke of Sussex will wear a black suit for Wednesday's procession, as the Queen's coffin is moved from Buckingham Palace to lie in state at Westminster Hall.

A spokesperson for the Duke of Sussex (*inset*) said: "Prince Harry, the Duke of Sussex, will wear a morning suit throughout events honouring his grandmother."

"His decade of military service is not determined by the uniform he wears and we respectfully ask that focus remain on the life and legacy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II."

Prince Harry has one of the longest military careers of any members of the Royal Family, serving two deployments in Afghanistan across his decade of service.

But only working members of the Royal Family are expected to appear in military uniform during the upcoming events. The Duke of Sussex was stripped of honorary military titles when he stepped down as a full-time royal.

The Duke of York has also appeared in a suit at events, but an exception has been made for Andrew to wear a uniform as a "special mark of respect" for the Queen when he stands guard around her coffin during the Vigil of the Princes in Westminster Hall.



HOSPITALITY

Bookings surge as tourists flock to London

By Sally Guyoncourt

Hotels have reported a 50 per cent increase in bookings as people from around the world travel to London ahead of the Queen's funeral.

Hoteliers in Windsor and London said that bookings had surged during the period of national mourning and linked it directly to the historic event.

Nic Wenn, the managing director of Point A Hotels, which runs hotels in London, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dublin, told *i*: "After a busy summer, which saw the welcome return of domestic and international travellers, we are now seeing a further spike in bookings across our London hotels."

Up to 750,000 people are expected to descend on the capital to witness the Queen's lying-in-state at West-

minster Hall. Mourners are also expected to line the streets on Monday to witness the funeral procession wind its way through London and on to Windsor Castle, where the Queen will be laid to rest at the King George VI memorial chapel.

Mr Wenn said: "Over the weekend, we saw bookings for the week coming double across our Westminster and Kensington hotels, highlighting just one thing: the beloved esteem with which the British public held Queen Elizabeth II."

"Many ordinary people are breaking with their daily routines; putting personal, familial and professional requirements on hold to come to London to pay their respects."

The company said its Westminster hotel was already at 93 per cent capacity for Sunday night.

Kate Nicholls, the chief executive of UKHospitality, said that the surge in bookings had been replicated at hotels across London.

"Demand is certain to remain high right up until next Monday's state funeral," she added.

PEOPLE

Flower sales to bloom for funeral

By Josie Clarke

Florists said that they would "absolutely cope" with the expected record demand as people pay respects to the Queen.

The British Florist Association (BFA) said demand had been "significantly high" over the past few days, adding that "the general feeling is that it will be higher than Princess Diana's funeral".

Although governing bodies were generally asking for tributes of white blooms, members of the public were instead happy to choose colourful bouquets to lay at palace gates and other designated areas, the BFA said.

There is no "specific flower" for the Queen, but lily of the valley was one of her favourites, even appearing in her coronation bouquet in 1953.

WEATHER

Forecast is fair for mourners

By Katie Dickinson

Mixed autumnal weather is on the way for mourners lining the streets of London for a glimpse of the Queen's coffin at her lying-in-state in Westminster Hall.

Today members of the public queuing can expect the warmest day of the week, with the top temperature for Westminster on Wednesday predicted to be 22°C

There may be "outbreaks of rain, locally heavy in places, at first", according to the Met Office. Rain will start "gradually clearing to the south. Becoming drier with sunny spells developing by the afternoon. Still warm, but less humid. Maximum temperature 22°C."

It will be a mild night with temperatures sticking at 17°C.

The Met Office said that it would be "mostly dry with sunny spells" on Thursday, but generally cloudier. The top daytime temperature will be



People walk past the Queen's picture as it rained in London yesterday

20°C, dropping to 12°C by midnight.

It will be "largely dry with sunny spells on Friday, perhaps the odd light shower", with the mercury at 17°C in the day.

The weekend will mostly be settled, with Saturday and Sunday mostly "dry with sunny spells". However, temperatures early Saturday morning could plunge to 7°C.

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NORTHERN IRELAND

Goodwill for King's visit but tensions remain over the Union

Charles will need diplomatic skills to cross divide. By **Richard Vaughan**

As the new King arrived in Northern Ireland yesterday, inevitably questions turned to the future of the Union under Charles III.

The British monarchy has been the symbol of the great divide between Nationalists and Unionists in Northern Ireland, and until recently a totem of oppression in the Republic of Ireland.

But opinions in Ireland towards the late monarch shifted significantly in the wake of her visit to the Republic in 2011.

As Ireland's foreign minister Simon Coveney himself put it yesterday, the late Queen's trip and speech was a "significant moment" for both countries.

Her decision to hold a full-blown state visit to Ireland, the first for 100 years, was met with caution and slight trepidation on both sides of the Irish Sea.

But from the first utterances of her speech at the state banquet in Dublin, choosing to greet her audience in Irish, and wearing a diamond Celtic harp brooch, she demonstrated her keen grasp of diplomacy on what was the most sensitive of occasions.

She acknowledged the "complexity" of the history between Ireland and Britain, and admitted it had "not always been entirely benign".

She spoke of how "our islands have experienced more than their fair share of heartache, turbulence and loss", which she, of course, saw first-hand with the murder of Lord Mountbatten, her second cousin.

Above all, she highlighted the close ties forged by the families that choose to live on either side of the Irish Sea, which the Queen described as the "lifeline" of the

partnership between Ireland and the UK. She insisted that the two sides celebrate the "widespread spirit of goodwill and deep mutual understanding" to ensure the future relationship is "harmonious" and as close as "good neighbours should always be".

The trip has been largely forgotten in the UK, and perhaps it is not fully appreciated by British people just how "powerful" the visit was in helping to heal the rift between the two countries.

In a sign of how much has changed since then, Sinn Féin's vice-president Michelle O'Neill yesterday paid her respects to the new King, and spoke of the "value and respect" she held for the "significant contribution Queen Elizabeth made to the advancement of peace and reconciliation between the different traditions on our island".

She added: "I hope this continues now that you are King and the British-Irish relationship strengthens and evolves as one era ends, and a new one begins in these changing times."

Such words of praise would have been almost unthinkable from a Sinn Féin politician only a generation ago, but the mention of "changing times" also hint at the Nationalists' *raison d'être* of creating a united Ireland.

Having become the biggest party in Northern Ireland for the first time in its history, Sinn Féin also regularly tops the polls in the Republic, raising the prospect of the nationalists having a far greater say in the future direction of Ireland both north and south of the border.

Add to this the shift in demographics in Northern Ireland, where Catholics are soon to outnumber Protestants, and the enduring impact of post-Brexit trading arrangements, the future of the union is in greater doubt than ever before.

It is against these headwinds that the new King comes to the throne.

While the Queen bought the UK a significant amount of goodwill in Ireland, King Charles cannot assume that he will inherit this along with the crown. The new King will have to bring substantial diplomatic dexterity to the role at a time when a variety of political tensions risk fraying the bonds of the Union to breaking point.



Charles meets well-wishers at Hillsborough Castle NIAL CARSON/PA

TRIBUTES

Queen a 'shining example' of reconciliation

By **Molly Blackall**

Charles III praised his mother's "shining example" of bringing people together as he greeted well-wishers in Northern Ireland, becoming the first King to visit there in 77 years.

The King, accompanied by Camilla, the Queen Consort, chatted and shook hands with people outside Hillsborough Castle in County Down, before looking at floral tributes left for the Queen.

A message of condolence was read in the Throne Room by Alex Maskey, Speaker of the Stormont Assembly.

In response the King described the "great personal sorrow" he felt

at losing his "beloved mother", and recalled how much she had enjoyed the rose garden at the castle.

He said of his mother's relationship with Northern Ireland: "My mother felt deeply, I know, the significance of the role she herself played in bringing together those whom history had separated, and in extending a hand to make possible the healing of long-held hurts."

"Now, with that shining example before me, and with God's help, I take up my new duties resolved to seek the welfare of all the inhabitants of Northern Ireland."

Later, the royal couple received a warm welcome in Belfast as crowds

lined the street for a glimpse of the new monarch.

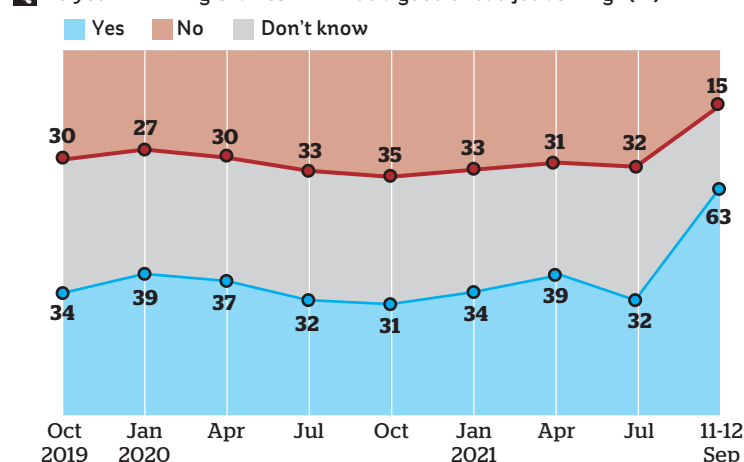
A service of reflection on the Queen's life at St Anne's Cathedral was attended by political leaders, including Prime Minister Liz Truss and Taoiseach Micheál Martin.

Sinn Féin vice president Michelle O'Neill and DUP leader Sir Jeffrey Donaldson sat directly behind them, while Irish President Michael D Higgins and his wife, Sabina, sat alongside Ms Truss and Mr Martin.

The service finished with "God Save the King", the first time the altered anthem has been played in St Anne's Cathedral since the 1950s. There was also a blessing in Irish.

Polling boost for King Charles III

Q Do you think King Charles III will do a good or bad job as King? (%)



DATA FROM SEPARATE SURVEYS OF 1,632 TO 1,782 BRITISH ADULTS

SOURCE: YOUNG

Wales Investiture vote

Plaid Cymru's leader Adam Price has suggested that there should be a vote on an investiture for William as the new Prince of Wales.

"I don't believe there is a role in modern, democratic Wales for the Prince of Wales, and I haven't changed my view on that," he told BBC Radio Wales.

"I think the issue of the investiture is different, because that is a political decision. It's important that there's an opportunity for us in Wales to have a conversation as to whether we want to have that ceremony, which effectively invests in the title an official role, and a national status, almost a constitutional role and many of us believe that that wouldn't be appropriate."



Liz Truss with Sinn Féin's Michelle O'Neill and Taoiseach Micheál Martin

COMMONWEALTH

William and Kate set to woo Australia

By Joe Duggan

The new Prince and Princess of Wales are set to tour Australia next year, it is believed, in a move aimed at shoring up the Commonwealth under King Charles.

The couple may take their three children, George, Charlotte and Louis, as Buckingham Palace explores plans for Royal Family members to travel to as many parts of the Commonwealth as possible next year, according to the *Daily Mail*.

William and Kate would formally accept condolences on the death of the Queen.

The news comes after suggestions surfaced that following the Queen's death, some Commonwealth nations where Charles is now head of state would seek to cut ties with the monarchy and become a republic.

Of the association of 56 member states, King Charles is head of state in 14. Last year Barbados removed Queen Elizabeth as their head of state in November 2021 as they transitioned to a republic.

However, a leading expert in the Commonwealth believes that there will be no "stampede" of Commonwealth realms vying to become republics now.

Dr Sue Onslow, director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, said that while the new King faced "challenges", the Commonwealth was not about to "disintegrate".

Dr Onslow told *i*: "The Australian Prime Minister has already said that the prime focus of the Australian constitutional change will be on indigenous rights. Not whether or not Australia should become a republic. He pushed back whether or not there should be another referendum on the Republic to a second term."

"So I don't think that you should read into it that this is some sort of desperate move by the royal family to offset republicanism. But I do think that it is part of a reaffirmation of Australia as a Commonwealth realm."

She added: "Do I think that these calls of republicanism are going to accelerate? Yes. But they are complex and will take time. It's not going to be 'a dash for the door'."

AUSTRALIA

Debate over currency redesigns

By Lewis Jackson

The Australian government has said that the image of King Charles III would not automatically replace Queen Elizabeth II's on A\$5 notes, and it may be replaced by Australian figures.

While coins are mandated to carry the image of the British monarch, federal assistant minister for the treasury Andrew Leigh said that the decision to include the Queen's image on the A\$5 note was about her personality as opposed to her status



as the monarch, and any changes would not be "automatic".

Asked if the government would consider replacing the British monarch with an Australian such as indigenous land rights activist Edward Mabo, Mr Leigh said: "It is a conversation that will take place in government."

The Queen's death has reignited debates about Australia's future as a constitutional monarchy.

Voters narrowly chose to maintain the British monarch as its head of state in a 1999 referendum.

"This is not a stampede for the exit, and all 14 other Commonwealth realms becoming republics. The profound affection and the very deep appreciation for the Queen was part of the glue, the bond that held together. But there have been generational shifts which have eroded these ties, with a younger voting population that doesn't [have] the same sense of connectivity with the crown."

New Zealand's Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, said she believed the country would become a republic in her lifetime, but it was not "on the agenda any time soon".

Some Caribbean Commonwealth nations have hinted at removing the King as head of state, with the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Gaston Browne, this week saying he'd hold a referendum on being a republic within three years.

Cracks in Commonwealth Former British slave colonies lead republican shift

The Queen's death has the potential to change the course of history for Commonwealth realms, as debates around republicanism are gaining ground in some places.

Antigua and Barbuda wasted no time in declaring a referendum on the country becoming a republic within three years. The announcement by the country's Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, on Sunday came just three days after the Queen's death and mere hours after Charles ascended to the throne.

Minutes after signing a document confirming Charles's status as the new King, Mr Browne said he would push for a republic referendum, having indicated such a move earlier this year during a royal visit by the Earl and Countess of Wessex.

There is growing republican feeling across the Caribbean, with Barbados voting to remove the UK's monarch as head of state last year.

Of the 54 Commonwealth countries, King Charles is now head of state for 15 of them, including the UK. Several are in the Caribbean, plus Australia and New Zealand.

Six Caribbean countries have indicated they plan to remove the UK monarch as their head of state – Belize, The Bahamas, Jamaica, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda, and St Kitts and Nevis, all countries once colonised by Great Britain.

Officials in **The Bahamas** have said they want King Charles to apologise for past wrongs during the colonial era, according to local media.

Opposition leader Michael Pintard, of the Free National Movement, was quoted as saying: "[Reparations for slavery] has always been a

front-burner issue in the minds of descendants of Africans who were enslaved and we know very well that the United Kingdom played a role in that regard."

The republican movement in **Jamaica** has grown stronger since the Prince and Princess of Wales, then the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, were met with protests during their visit in March.

Jamaica's Prime Minister, Andrew Holness, told them that his country was "moving on", and in June the country announced that it will transition to a republic by 2025.

Belize is in the process of setting up a people's constitutional commission that will "continue the decolonisation process".

Just days after the Prince and Princess left Belize in the same royal tour, Henry Charles Usher, minister for constitutional and political reform, reportedly told Belize's parliament: "Perhaps it is time for

Belize to take the next step in truly owning our independence."

Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, who started laying the groundwork for an Australian republic when elected in May, said on Sunday that it was not the time for a change but rather for paying tribute to the Queen.

Mr Albanese, who has long voiced support for Australia abolishing its links with the monarchy, created a new position of assistant minister for the republic and appointed Matt Thistlethwaite to the role in June.

New Zealand has said it may become a republic one day but it will not actively take any measures to become one in the short-term.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said on Monday that she had "never sensed the urgency", adding: "There's so many challenges we face. This is a large, significant debate."

"I don't think it is one that would or should occur quickly."

But Ms Arden said she believes it is the direction New Zealand will head "in time", and that it is likely to happen in her lifetime.

Canada has not made any statements about whether it intends to become a republic, but recent polls have shown waning support for the monarchy. One in April by the Angus Reid Institute, a Canadian public opinion research organisation, found that 51 per cent of respondents were in favour of abolishing links with the monarchy in coming generations, compared with 26 per cent who would keep them. It also found that 67 per cent opposed recognising Charles as King and head of state.

Taz Ali



The Prince and Princess of Wales during their visit to the Bahamas earlier this year

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The Earl and Countess of Wessex visited Antigua and Barbuda this year

SOCIETY

Stop silencing republican protesters, police are told

By Joe Duggan

Police overreacted when they threatened to arrest a man holding a blank piece of paper outside the Palace of Westminster ahead of the Queen's funeral, a former chief superintendent said yesterday.

Dal Babu, who served with the Metropolitan Police for 30 years, said that senior officers must ensure that they "get the balance right" – including facilitating the right to protest – as hundreds of thousands of mourners descend on London for the Queen's funeral.

It comes after Paul Powlesland, a barrister at Garden Court Chambers in London, was asked for his details by a police officer after raising a blank piece of paper in Parliament Square on Monday. He claimed that he was told he could be arrested if he wrote the words "not my King" on it.

Other anti-monarchy demonstrators have been arrested in recent days, prompting anger from campaigners who have described the police action as "deeply concerning".

Mr Babu said that officers had a duty to "facilitate legitimate protests" but that demonstrators could be arrested for breaking section five of the Public Order Act for using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour, or for their own protection for breach of the peace.

Mr Babu said: "The Human Rights Act talks about the legitimate rights for the public to protest. There are limitations – if you are threatening, abusive or insulting, then you would not be allowed to protest."

"With the incident in London where somebody was holding a blank piece of paper, I think there was an overreaction by the police. That didn't constitute any offence."

"If somebody is, for example, using profanities or being abusive, I think that that is a different kettle of fish."

"One of the biggest challenges that the Met is going to have is that it has more than 10,000 officers from outside of London coming to help with the funeral. So it's about how they ensure that all the different officers have an understanding of what is expected of them. It's about getting the balance right."

On Monday, a 22-year-old man was arrested after appearing to shout "Andrew, you're a sick old man" as the Duke of York walked behind his mother's coffin during its procession along the Royal Mile in Edinburgh. Police Scotland confirmed yesterday that he had been charged in connection with a breach of the peace.

Mr Babu said that public anger at Prince Andrew following sexual as-

sault allegations made against him by Virginia Giuffre could cause issues for the Met Police during the funeral next week.

In February, the Duke settled civil action brought by Ms Giuffre while making no admissions as to liability. He has always denied the allegations.

"People may have different levels of affection for different members of the Royal Family, but I think Prince Andrew will remain an individual for whom the public will want to show their disdain," Mr Babu said.

Other arrests in recent days include a 22-year-old woman holding a sign with the message "f**k imperialism, abolish monarchy" in Edinburgh on Sunday, and a 45-year-old man in Oxford who shouted "who elected him?" as Charles was proclaimed King. The man was later de-arrested.

Mr Babu said: "The legislation is against abusive, insulting, words and behaviour. That's a legitimate reason for dealing with that individual."

"Where people are doing things away from the main funeral route and expressing their concerns, then that is freedom of speech and the police need to make sure that is facilitated."

REACTION

'Offensive? For some, yes. But certainly not grounds for arrest'

By Nick Duffy

"Broad" policing powers in the UK could make it legal for officers to clamp down on lawful protesters opposed to the monarchy, experts have warned.

"I think we're in a bad place if we're cracking down on this sort of thing," said David Mead, professor of UK human rights law at the University of East Anglia, after a man brandishing a blank piece of paper was spoken to by police.

"That's what happens in tinpot dictatorships across the world, not in good old Britain."

Legal professors are largely in agreement on the issue: the treatment of some anti-monarchy protesters in recent days has been "manifestly wrong".

That is according to Professor Gavin Phillipson (*inset*), a law

professor at Bristol University, who questioned attempts to use Section 5 the Public Order Act – which covers "threatening or abusive words or behaviour that is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress" – against people supporting anti-monarchist messages.

"I think a sign like 'Not My King', or any kind of political message that's republican, that's pure political speech and isn't threatening or abusive," he told *i*.

"There's no grounds for arresting such a person. 'Someone might be offended' is not grounds for [arrest]."

But there are exceptions to the rule. Police have leeway under breach of the peace laws that allow officers to arrest peaceful protesters in some circumstances if their actions could potentially incite violence.

Prof Mead said: "The trigger

is, what is a reasonable response for an audience member to have to someone else's provocative speech? I think that's where the police have some latitude."

"Would it be wholly unreasonable for somebody to threaten violence against someone at the Queen's funeral, saying, 'boo, hiss to the new King'? It seems to me it's not wholly unreasonable for the police to take the view that 'the law does allow me to arrest you, to move you on'."

"Whether we should have a law that does that is obviously really important, but it's not clear the police (in those circumstances) have acted unlawfully. It's a very broad power."

Prof Phillipson described it as a "hole in the law". "Someone who themselves is peaceful can be arrested for breach of the peace on the basis that other people might be provoked to violence," he said.

CONSUMER

Products must stop using royal arms

By Sadie Whitelocks

Hundreds of companies which have been granted royal warrants from the Queen will have to stop using the royal arms on their products.

Royal warrant holders will have two years to discontinue their use of the "HM The Queen" label following the monarch's death last week.

There are around 800 royal warrant holders, split between companies and individuals, which include some big name brands like Cadbury, Heinz, Twinings tea, Bentley, BT, Burberry, Hunter, Fortnum & Mason and John Lewis and Partners.

Recipients must have supplied the Royal Family with goods or services for at least five years before applying for a warrant, which means the holder has the right to display the appropriate royal arms on their product.





Anti-monarchy protests in Westminster on Monday (left) and Edinburgh on Sunday; Paul Powlesland (below), a barrister in London, was asked for his details by a police officer after raising a blank piece of paper in Parliament Square on Monday MARCO BERTORELLO/AFP; ROBERT PERRY/GETTY; ITV



POLITICS

MPs will sit in Parliament for seven days out of a possible 87

By Jane Merrick
POLICY EDITOR

Concerns have been raised about the lack of parliamentary scrutiny of Liz Truss's energy plans after it emerged that the Commons will sit for just seven days out of 87 during the summer and autumn.

Parliament was suspended on Sunday for the period of national mourning after MPs paid tribute to the Queen, and will resume next week following her state funeral.

But the Commons is set to rise again three days later for the annual three-week conference recess.

A Labour MP said that while it was appropriate that Parliament stopped temporarily out of respect for the Queen, there would not be enough time for MPs to scrutinise the Prime Minister's planned "fiscal event" later next week, when she will outline further plans to tackle the cost of living crisis.

MPs would traditionally have several days of parliamentary time to debate a Budget.

Commons authorities and politi-

cal parties are discussing plans to bring forward the end of the conference recess, which is scheduled for 16 October, by a week to make up for lost time.

The final conference of the season, held by the Conservatives, ends on 5 October, meaning there are 11 further days of recess before MPs are due to return to Westminster.

While Parliament is normally suspended for several weeks during the summer, the temporary suspension following the Queen's death means that out of 87 days between 22 July and 16 October, MPs have sat for just seven days.

Jon Trickett, the Labour MP for Hemsworth, said: "It is entirely appropriate that Parliament has temporarily stopped sitting to show due respect following the death of the Queen. A period of mourning gives time for mature reflection."

"However, there have been a number of reports which have suggested that the Prime Minister is planning a so-called 'fiscal event' late next week, in the immediate aftermath of the Queen's funeral."

Comment

We are being lulled into complacency. Our democracy is in trouble

Yasmin Alibhai-Brown



Millions are grieving for the Queen. This is not the time to declaim my republican views. But in this period of heightened emotions and passing of the crown to King Charles III, loyal subjects are in danger of being lulled into complacency that Great Britain's monarchical system will eternally keep this nation safe and secure. The truth is that Queen Elizabeth II has died during a period of unprecedented anxiety, chaos, economic uncertainty and political chicanery. Those running the country want us to forget that in the miasma of grief, memorialising, pomp and ceremony.

Boris Johnson, the main disrupter of our system, delivered the most eloquent and moving speech in Parliament on how the Queen was an incarnation of British history and continuity. This man, when Prime Minister, lied to her. He broke his own rules, disdainfully dismissed any attempt to make him behave with some dignity, and still treats parliamentary scrutiny as a nuisance or outrage.

Our democracy is in serious trouble. The pillars that keep the balance of power between the executive and the legislature, the Civil Service, the judiciary and the media are being corrupted or undermined. Long-established standards and scrutiny are knowingly flouted. Unelected advisers wield undue power.

Individuals in Scotland and England have been arrested for holding anti-monarchy postcards or yelling at Prince Andrew. The right to peacefully protest is being whipped away under our very noses in this so-called free country.

Liz Truss has just sacked Sir Tom Scholar, the most senior civil servant in the Treasury. Simon Jenkins writes in *The Guardian* about what this means: "If there is any defining feature of British government, it is the creative tension between transient politicians and permanent civil servants. Good or bad, it has long been a constitutional principle."

"Continuity and experience are set against risk and innovation, albeit with the politicians ultimately in charge... This is government Trump-style."

While the media gives over

The right to peacefully protest is being whipped away under our very noses in this so-called free country

almost all space and time to the late Queen and her clan, countless people are in crisis. They cannot pay bills or buy food. Some of them undoubtedly loved Elizabeth II, but they are focused on their perilous lives, not this drama, which must cost a fortune.

Many tributes seem excessive and excluding. Take Jeanette Winterson, to whom the Queen's passing means "a part of us goes with her". Who is "us"? It surely cannot include the Windrush individuals cruelly deported, or decoloniser activists, or Britons still appalled by how Diana and Meghan fared in the Queen's family.

Take Sir Simon Schama who, in a beautifully penned tribute published in this paper, concluded



The Duke and Duchess of Kent mark Uganda's independence in 1962

that Elizabeth II was "the idealised personification of the nation".

Schama is one of the world's greatest thinkers and writers. I know and like him immensely. But I find the notion that someone who inherits vast wealth and unsurpassed status personifies who we are deeply problematic. Where does that leave republicans?

Public figures claim that this head of state was the glue binding us all. They say this knowing that the peoples of this nation are more disunited than ever. Class, race, geography, wealth, politics, more recently Brexit and the monarchy too, divide the population. Lives and views are irreconcilably polarised. Truss's punitive policies and headline positions will make this worse. The new King will be a useful diversion.

When I was a child, we had one moth-eaten and threadbare sofa. When visitors came to tea, my mother would cover it with her embroidered wedding shawl. The moths began to feast on the shawl.

It could be an allegory for today. After the phenomenal send-off, mourners will go home; memories will fade. Then, the cold winds of reality will bite, and the new King will find himself reckoning with a public which can no longer be distracted by pomp and pageantry.

TELEVISION

British winner's quip about King shocks Americans

By Emily Baker
TV EDITOR

Monday night's Emmy Awards were set to be a big night for British talent.

In the acting categories alone, 15 Britons were nominated. But in the end, just two picked up awards: Brett Goldstein, who plays Roy Kent in Apple TV+'s football comedy *Ted Lasso*, and Matthew Macfadyen for his role as Tom Wambsgans in *Succession*.

But the name on everybody's lips was not Goldstein or Macfadyen, it was the British creator and writer of *Succession*, Jesse Armstrong.

The 51-year-old screenwriter, who also co-created the Channel 4 sitcoms *Peep Show* and *Fresh Meat*, graced the stage twice, once to pick up an award for his writing on HBO's satirical black comedy-drama *Succession* and again with its entire cast and crew to receive the prize for outstanding drama series.

"Big week for successions. New King in the UK, this for us," he joked

as his colleagues congratulated each other on their win. "Evidently a little more voting involved in our winning than Prince Charles."

Even in a room full of Americans, the audience was shocked at his quip and gasps could be heard on the live broadcast. "Keep it royalist," said Brian Cox, who plays ruthless patriarch Logan Roy on the show, to Armstrong (*inset, with Cox*).

But the writer continued, adding: "I'm not saying we are more legitimate in our position than he is... we'll leave that to other people."

According to eyewitness accounts, there was little laughter in the room and most people felt "awkward".

It was the third time Armstrong has won a writing award for *Succession*. His joking about the new monarch will not be surprising to anyone familiar with his work; *Succession* is a biting caricature of an uber-wealthy media family, skewering the concept of power: where it lies and who gets to wield it.



DIGNITARIES

Biden to arrive in 'Beast' as the funeral's most protected VIP

By David Parsley

CHIEF NEWS CORRESPONDENT

US President Joe Biden will be the most protected person at the Queen's funeral after being given an exemption from security protocols in place for hundreds of other VIPs.

The President will be guarded by around 400 US secret service officers and not be forced to travel with other world leaders on a bus from a secure site in west London to Westminster Abbey on Monday.

He is also likely to be the only VIP permitted to fly over London on his Marine One helicopter and arrive at the abbey in his own armoured car.

US Embassy sources in London have told **i** that the US leader will have "the usual security for a President travelling abroad".

It is expected Mr Biden will arrive



The Queen with President Joe Biden during his visit to the UK last year

at a London airport on Air Force One and then fly to the US ambassador's official residence in London, Winfield House in Regent's Park, on a helicopter based in the UK for his European trips.

President Biden is also expected to arrive at the state funeral with his wife, Jill, in his armoured Cadillac known as "The Beast".

According to US Embassy sources,

President Biden will also travel with "his usual security detail", which is made up of around 400 secret service officers, making him the most highly guarded visiting dignitary at the funeral.

With around 500 dignitaries descending on London for the Queen's funeral, the event is set to be the largest security operation ever seen in the UK.

Despite reports suggesting all world leaders will be asked to travel on commercial flights and join other VIPs on a bus to the funeral, some presidents, prime ministers and royalty from around the globe are expected to be exempt from the strict transport arrangements.

"Arrangements for leaders, including how they travel, will vary depending on individual circumstances," the Prime Minister's official spokesman said, adding that "the guidance and information provided is guidance".

While around 10,000 police officers are expected to be on duty in central London during the lying in state over the next few days, this number is expected to double for the day of the funeral itself, when hundreds of thousands of people will flock to the capital to pay their final respects to the Queen.

It is understood the Metropolitan Police – which alongside the British Transport Police and City of London officers will manage the huge security operation – wants to use drones as "eyes in the sky" on the day, but that Buckingham Palace's wish for it not to do so will result in "spotters" on roofs and among the crowd.

After consulting Buckingham Palace on the level of visible security, it is understood that the Royal Household raised objections over the use of drones flying over the vast crowds due to the noise they will create during such a solemn occasion.

Both the Palace and the Metropolitan Police declined to comment on the alleged disagreement over the use of drones.

Not welcome Russian leader among those not invited

Leaders of Russia, Belarus and Myanmar will not be invited to the Queen's funeral, according to Whitehall sources, while Iran will only be represented at an ambassadorial level.

Britain, along with its Western allies, has sought to isolate Russia and its ally Belarus on the world stage with economic sanctions and other measures in response to Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

Myanmar and its military have also been the subject of sanctions as the UK steps up support for the south-east Asian country's persecuted Rohingya Muslim community.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov confirmed to the Russian state news agency RIA Novosti on Friday that President Vladimir Putin's attendance was "not being considered".

The Kremlin sent a message of

condolence after the Queen's death, despite the dire state of relations between London and Moscow.

It said: "For many decades, Elizabeth II rightfully enjoyed her subjects' love and respect as well as authority on the world stage. Russians respected her for her wisdom." Mr Putin (inset) called her death an "irreparable loss".

About 500 dignitaries from around the world will attend the Queen's funeral on Monday.

Some of the guests confirmed to be attending include the prime ministers of Commonwealth countries Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

On Monday, Downing Street refused to comment on reports that world leaders visiting for the state funeral have been asked to travel on commercial flights and will be put on buses to Westminster Abbey.

Taz Ali



SPAIN

Exiled king defies his old government

By Graham Keeley

IN MADRID

Spain's scandal-hit former king Juan Carlos has accepted an invitation to attend the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, contravening the wishes of his country's government and their political allies.

Juan Carlos and his wife, Queen Sofia, will attend the state funeral that takes place on 19 September, the Spanish royal household said.

The 84-year-old abdicated in 2014 amid a series of financial and roman-

tic scandals and since 2020 has lived in self-imposed exile in the United Arab Emirates.

Juan Carlos, who is known as the Emeritus King in Spain, faces trial in Britain in a harassment case brought by his former lover, Corinna zu Sayn-Wittgenstein. He strongly denies the allegations.

The High Court in London ruled he does not have the right to sovereignty immunity in the har-

assment case but he is appealing against allegations related to before 2014, though lawyers for Ms Sayn-Wittgenstein said

the case relates mostly to events after that date.

He faced investigations in Spain and Switzerland over his financial affairs but these were dropped through lack of evidence and the statute of limitations.

Juan Carlos has declined to comment on allegations of wrongdoing.



UNITED STATES



From Truman to Biden, the Queen tried to protect US friendship

By Steve Holland

The last American president to see Queen Elizabeth, Joe Biden, sat down with her over tea at Windsor Castle in June 2021, where they chatted about Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping.

"I don't think she'd be insulted, but she reminded me of my mother," a visibly delighted Mr Biden told reporters later.

All told, the Queen met 13 of the last 14 American presidents, all except Lyndon Johnson. She started with Harry Truman in 1951 when she was still a princess.

Through all of them, her goal was to maintain strong relations with the

United States, remembering how important the alliance was in the Second World War.

"Administrations in your country, and governments in mine, may come and go. But talk we will, listen we have to, disagree from time to time we may, but united we must always remain," she said in a toast at the state dinner that President George W Bush held for her at the White House in 2007.

The Queen had long talks with Ronald Reagan, some while on horseback, and ate enchiladas at his California ranch.

She went to a Baltimore Orioles baseball game with George HW Bush. She sent Dwight Eisenhower



Princess Elizabeth with President Harry Truman in his executive limousine during her visit to Washington in October 1951 REUTERS



a recipe for scones after he raved about those at Balmoral Castle.

Things did not always go smoothly. When no one lowered the microphone for her remarks in 1991 on the White House South Lawn during the elder Bush's presidency, her face was obscured by the microphone and her remarks became known as "the talking hat speech".

"I do hope you can see me today from where you are," she later told a joint session of Congress.

Dancing with Gerald Ford in 1976, the band struck up the tune "The Lady is a Tramp".

During that same visit, Mr Ford and his wife, Betty Ford, were taking the Queen up on the elevator to the Yellow Oval Room. The elevator door opened and there stood the Fords' son, Jack.

Jack had his dress shirt undone and was holding his studs, Betty Ford recalled later to *The Washington Post*. He quickly disappeared.

"The Queen said, 'Oh think nothing of it. I have one of those at home,'" Betty Ford said.

At a meeting with US President Barack Obama and his wife Michelle Obama, in 2009, the monarch appeared to break royal protocol after the First Lady reached in for a hug.

While touching the monarch is usually forbidden, the Queen responded in kind. Her dressmaker, Angela Kelly, wrote about the incident in her 2019 book saying that the "instant, mutual warmth" between the pair justified rules being relaxed.

Reviewing an honour guard of troops at Buckingham Palace in 2018, the Queen suddenly found that Donald Trump had stepped in front of her, breaching royal etiquette and prompting her to change course to get around him.

Characteristically, the Queen waved her hand to indicate they move forward, and kept on going.



The Queen with US presidents (clockwise from main) Ronald Reagan in 1982; Barack Obama in 2011; Gerald Ford in 1976; George W Bush in 2008; and Donald Trump in 2019. REUTERS; AFP



PEOPLE

King versus pen: 'I can't bear this bloody thing!'

By Nick Duffy

King Charles was filmed airing his frustrations over a pen for the second time in a week yesterday as he signed a visitors' book at Hillsborough Castle in Co Down.

Cameras documented the King's exasperation on his visit to Northern Ireland's sole royal residence, when he was given a pen to write his name in the estate's visitor's book.

"Oh God, I put the wrong date down," the monarch said, after checking with an aide whether it was 12 or 13 September.

The pen then appeared to leak, with Charles turning to Queen Consort Camilla to say: "Oh God, I hate this."

As the leaky pen was removed by an aide, the King added: "I can't bear this bloody thing! What they do, every stinking time."

The new monarch was similarly irked by an ornate pen holder on Saturday as he was officially proclaimed King at an Accession Council meeting.

Charles is known to carry his own fountain pen for when he is frequently called on to sign visitors' books during royal visits.

But when he sat down to sign the proclamation documents, he gestured for the pen holder to be taken away by an aide.

Later it was back in place, after privy councillors used its pens to



The King usually carries his own fountain pen for signature duties

sign documents, but Charles once again took offence to the item, when called upon to give his signature, and pulled a face before it was removed again by aides.

The incident generated comments on social media as a moment of realism amid the sombre ceremony.

Aides to Charles have previously described the new monarch as having a "wicked sense of humour" but often being short-tempered and demanding.

Royal photographer Arthur Edwards said that he had become "much more calm" since marrying Camilla, telling Piers Morgan: "He had a little bit of a sparky temper, but I've not seen that in a long while and I've had some serious telling-offs from him."

The King demonstrated his sharp tongue most notably during a press engagement during a 2005 holiday in the Swiss Alps, when he was caught denigrating the BBC's royal correspondent, Nicholas Witchell.

Unaware his comments were being picked up on a microphone, he had muttered: "I can't bear that man. He's so awful. He really is."

LEISURE

Britons do 'ave a Dubonnet and raise a glass to the Queen

By Sadie Whitelocks

Supermarkets have had a rush of shoppers stocking up on Dubonnet ahead of the Queen's funeral, in a bid to pay their respects with her favourite tipple.

The French quinine-based aperitif, which was much loved by both the late Queen Mother and Queen Elizabeth II, is sold out on Tesco's website and at the drinks purveyor House of Malt.

Before Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee in June, Dubonnet sold out for a period, Waitrose revealed, and sales were up 50 per cent on last year.

For those looking to recreate the Dubonnet cocktail favoured by the Queen, the recipe includes two parts Dubonnet to one part gin – Gordon's London dry gin being her preference – with a wedge of lemon and two ice cubes.

It has been claimed the Queen enjoyed the cocktail before lunch,

while the Queen Mother once reportedly remarked ahead of a picnic lunch: "I think that I will take two small bottles of Dubonnet and gin with me this morning, in case it is needed."

Dubonnet was created in 1846 by Sir Joseph Dubonnet, a Parisian wine merchant and chemist. He combined fortified

red wine with a secret combination of herbs and spices, which included bitter bark and quinine.

At its peak popularity in the 1960s and 70s, when the advertising slogan "Do 'ave a Dubonnet"

was in use, 20 million bottles were sold each year.

In 2021, the Queen awarded the Dubonnet brand a coveted Royal Warrant, allowing bottles to carry the label "By appointment to HM the Queen", along with an official crest.

The brand will now have two years before it must discontinue the use of the Royal Warrant following the Queen's death.



COMMENT

Royals should pause the pageantry and allow themselves time to grieve

The frenetic pace of official duties is something I do not envy, writes
Esther Walker



I don't think, as a general rule, anyone needs to feel too sorry for the Royal Family. Yes, they deserve respect for shouldering responsibilities they did not ask for but, no, they are not subject to great unfairness or extreme hardship.

They are able and healthy and pretty adequately compensated for a life of public duty: with comfort, more privacy than any actor or politician receives, and access to the best education and healthcare.

And yet. I think we're all grown up enough now – aren't we? – to know that wealth and comfort aren't everything. Or rather, wealth and comfort cannot make up for a lack of other things that humans need: peace, balance, rest. Burnout is burnout, no matter how expensive your cufflinks are.

It is an old observation, but one of the terrible things about a death in the family is that at a time when you are supposed to be reflecting and mourning and finding some kind of personal equilibrium with a passing, you are handed a skip-load of that most insidious thing: admin. Is there really anything more cruel than the paperwork that is required from a family following a death?



King Charles III and other members of the Royal Family hold a vigil for Queen Elizabeth II in Edinburgh JANE BARLOW/IAF

Maybe, but not anything ordered by the state.

And the pace and the volume of the performative admin expected from the Royal Family since Friday has been quite something.

Most people can expect to undertake these saddest of tasks quietly, tear-stained, in their jogging bottoms. But for the Royals, there has been nowhere to hide. Not for the Waleses nor the Sussexes, whose walkabout in Windsor was the most tense thing on telly since the kitchen scene in *Jurassic Park*. Not for Prince Andrew, who

must literally publicly parade the shameful fact that he is no longer allowed to wear military dress bar at one vigil. Not for Princess Anne, who looks like she just wants to lie down in a dark room with a cold flannel over her eyes.

And then there is King Charles. Although famously fit and living life at such a pace that he never even bothers with lunch, the King is still 73. He probably had a few quiet hours between the actual death of his mother and the official announcement to the world in which to brace himself.

Then, as King, he was expected to address the entire world via the TV – don't mess it up, now! – then embark on a head-spinning tour of the UK. First he whizzed from Balmoral to Westminster Hall, back to the Vigil of the Princes in Edinburgh (can that even be right? Scotland to London and then back again?), then on to Belfast then goodness knows where next, shaking hands, being clasped by the public, all the while knowing that someone, somewhere on the internet is probably saying something very cruel about your

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dead mother, your sons and, hell, probably about you, too.

As taxpayers we contribute £1.29 each a year to the Sovereign Grant, public money diverted to the monarch for public service and the upkeep of general royal stuff, which stands for the year 2021-22 at £86.3m. As such, we feel entitled to get value from our Royal Family. This week, I think we probably have seen that value and more. We have seen more of the royals in five days than we usually do in six months and they're only just getting going, there's days still until the funeral.

Millions of us plan to descend on London on Monday to gaze upon a whole hatful – crownful? – of royals and for one very last look at the Queen. They must turn out for us again and again, walking solemnly, their faces zoomed in on by the unforgiving long lens.

Sure, it's their job. But am I alone in thinking that this all has the tinge of overwork about it all? It brings to mind the image of a young starlet in the bad old days, being held together with uppers and downers, wheeled out for another photocall, another party, another premiere, another interview, another dress fitting, until one day she snaps.

I'm probably projecting how much I would dislike to be in their shoes, to have to do all that myself.

Perhaps they are fine with sharing their grief, maybe happy for the distraction. And, I'm sure they will get the day off on Tuesday, perhaps even longer. I imagine they will put their feet up in cashmere socks and sip a whisky and say "Thank goodness that's over."

Like I said, no need to feel too sorry.

TRIBUTE

Poet laureate hymns Elizabeth's 'gift' to nation

By Michael Delgado

The Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage, has penned a tribute to Queen Elizabeth II in the form of an 18-line poem, *Floral Tribute*.

The poem is a double acrostic, in which the first letter of each line spells out "Elizabeth". It's a choice that humanises the Queen, stripping away, as Armitage said on Radio 4, the pomp of her "ceremonial nominals" and bringing her down to earth.

One of the striking things about the past few days is the sense that even many of those who hold no fondness for the monarchy have felt a certain sadness at the passing of someone who has been a constant in public life

in this country for so long. It feels apt that Armitage has chosen to address her, first and foremost, as a woman rather than a distant monarch.

Armitage has long been known for his colloquial, witty style, and the mood here is gentle and low-key, with no rhymes.

It's quite distinct from, for example, the powerful, incantatory lines written by the former poet laureate Ted Hughes on the death of Princess Diana in 1997, which drew heavily on religious imagery and ended with the couplet, "Love is broken on the Cross/The Flower on the Gun."

Floral Tribute is a much more bland affair, and few could argue that it ranks among Armitage's fin-

est works. But it's probably fair to say that being poet laureate is a somewhat thankless task, one that, in asking artists to tether their writing to landmark events, is a kind of straitjacket on the rushes of inspiration we so often associate with the creation of art.

It is the last few lines of the poem that show Armitage at his most elegant. "A blurred new day/Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks," he writes. Those few days that followed the Queen's death felt uncanny, "blurred", like something had shifted in the foundations of the country. Everyone, from ardent monarchists to the staunchest of republicans, can surely agree on that.

FLORAL TRIBUTE

Evening will come, however determined the late afternoon,
Limes and oaks in their last green flush, pearled in September mist.
I have conjured a lily to light these hours, a token of thanks,
Zones and auras of soft glare framing the brilliant globes.
A promise made and kept for life – that was your gift –
Because of which, here is a gift in return, glovewort to some,
Each shining bonnet guarded by stern lance-like leaves.
The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,
Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight.

Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark Munros.
Lily of the Valley, a namesake almost, a favourite flower
Interlaced with your famous bouquets, the restrained
Zeal and forceful grace of its lanterns, each inflorescence
A silent bell disguising a singular voice. A blurred new day
Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks, and
Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots,
This lily that thrives between spire and tree, whose brightness
Holds and glows beyond the life and border of its bloom.

SIMON ARMITAGE
Poet Laureate



HEALTH

Hospital and GP appointments on day of funeral are postponed

By Paul Gallagher

HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of thousands of patients have been told their GP and hospital appointments scheduled for the day of the Queen's funeral have been cancelled, medics have said.

NHS hospitals in England are expected to make their own decisions around appointments based on staffing levels and transport disruption on Monday's bank holiday.

Some hospitals have said they will operate as usual, while others have said they will postpone some non-urgent appointments.

Trusts have been urged to contact all patients with appointments planned for Monday, postponed or not. But many patients have expressed serious concern.

One man said he was "livid" after

his wife's breast cancer appointment, which she had been waiting six months for, was delayed.

"She has a new one in a month. I'm sure she'll be fine, but that's a wait that will almost certainly cost lives. This is an obscenity, in the name of the monarchy," he added.

GP surgeries have also been forced to cancel appointments because they are contractually obliged to close, like other public services, on bank holidays.

Dr Lizzie Toberty, of the Doctors' Association UK, told **i**: "This one is no different but it is causing significant angst to many patients. It must be noted hundreds of thousands of appointments are needing to be rearranged today.

"Whether you feel this is an appropriate and proportional response of society is a personal matter. However, the full suspension of Parliament and reduced NHS England activity not just on the day of the funeral, but for the full mourning period, is of deep concern to us."

Saffron Cordery, the interim chief executive of NHS Providers, which represents health trusts, said: "It is right that NHS staff, in common with people across Britain, are able to mark the death of Her Majesty The Queen, should they wish to.

"Leaders of NHS trusts are striking a careful balance between responding to staff who wish to observe the Bank Holiday on the day of the State Funeral and ensuring that services are properly staffed.

"They understand patients' frustrations when procedures and appointments are postponed at short notice, but trusts will make sure patients are kept well-informed and that every effort is made to reschedule as soon as possible."

A spokesman for the NHS in England said: "As with any bank holiday, NHS staff will work to ensure that urgent and emergency services, including urgent dental and GP appointments, are available – and patients will be contacted by their local trusts, if necessary, regarding their existing appointments.

"Covid vaccination services, particularly in care homes, are being asked to continue their work given the importance of protecting people ahead of winter and the public should access NHS services in the usual way."

i A letter, sent by NHS England on Monday, told health leaders to ensure that there was "sufficient" out-of-hours cover as GPs close next Monday, and asked for scheduled Covid booster home visits to be done as planned.

FUNERALS

Undertakers refuse bookings for Monday

By Katie Grant

CONSUMER AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

Funeral providers are refusing to accept bookings for the day of the Queen's funeral.

The Government announced last weekend that a national bank holiday to mark the day will take place on Monday, meaning thousands of businesses will shut.

Some members of the public have claimed that a loved one's funeral has been called off in deference to the Queen, but funeral providers insist they will honour existing bookings and will only postpone at the wishes of the bereaved, or if a third-party service integral to the arrangements closes for the occasion.

Co-Op Funeralcare, one of the largest funeral chains, is closing its branches to allow staff to "reflect, mourn Her Majesty the Queen's passing and watch [her] funeral if they so wish", but said it was "not cancelling" existing bookings.

Jewish and Muslim funerals take place as soon as possible after a person's death, often within 24 hours.

The closure of GP surgeries will make it virtually "impossible" for families to bury their loved ones within this time period because they will not be able to be issued with a death certificate until Tuesday.

"Some [people] will be very upset," said Mitzi Kalinsky, of the Jewish Joint Burial Society. "Everybody is prepared that there is going to be a problem. For Muslims it is probably going to be equally bad."



Salutes you, sir

Three-year-old Bruce Pollard dresses as a King's Guard at Windsor Castle to pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth II yesterday
PETER NICHOLLS/REUTERS

EMPLOYMENT

Redundancy note for Charles III's staff during Queen church service

By Conrad Smith

Dozens of staff members at Clarence House have received redundancy notices as the offices of the King and Queen Consort move to Buckingham Palace, it was reported last night.

Long-standing employees discovered their jobs were on the line on Monday. The notification came at the same time as a thanksgiving service for the Queen in Edinburgh, according to *The Guardian*.

The notices came in a letter from Sir Clive Alderton, the King's private secretary. A source told the paper: "Everybody is absolutely livid, including private secretaries and the senior team. All the staff have been working late every night since Thursday, to be met with this. People were visibly shaken by it."

In the letter, seen by *The Guardian*, Sir Clive wrote: "The change in role for our principals will also mean change for our household..."

"The portfolio of work previously undertaken in this household supporting the former Prince of Wales's personal interests, former activities and household operations will no longer be carried out, and the household... at Clarence House will be closed down.

"It is therefore expected that the need for the posts principally based



Some Clarence House staff thought that they would be invited to join the King's new household at Buckingham Palace TIM GRAHAM/GETTY

at Clarence House, whose work supports these areas, will no longer be needed."

Clarence House employs the full-time equivalent of 101 staff, according to its latest annual review.

Sir Clive added: "I appreciate that this is unsettling news and I wanted to let you know of the support that is available at this point."

It is thought that many staff believed they would be incorporated into the King's new household. In his letter, Sir Clive said that staff provid-

ing "direct, close, personal support and advice" to the King and Queen consort would remain in post.

Staff will be helped to find jobs in other royal households and will be offered "enhanced" redundancy payments, according to *The Guardian*.

A spokesman for Clarence House said: "Our staff have given long and loyal service and, while some redundancies will be unavoidable, we are working urgently to identify alternative roles for the greatest number of staff."

DIPLOMACY

In Africa, a new debate about the future of UK's monarchy

Some question the role of the Commonwealth. By **Joe Walsh**

The death of the Queen has been met with a mixture of sadness and hostility in southern Africa, where the role of the Royal Family in modern life is facing fresh scrutiny.

Selwyn Klass, a South African monarchist, met Queen Elizabeth II on her last state visit to South Africa in 1999, where he presented her with a personalised film from the Royal Family's visit to the region in 1947, as part of his role with a historical documentary film society.

"When she walked in to Museum Africa you could hear a pin drop," he said. "It wasn't formal, she moved through the room and made you feel the most important person."

"She made you feel what you had done was a very special gesture," Mr Klass said about having presented her with the film. "She was known as the African Queen to us."

South Africa withdrew its membership of the Commonwealth in 1961, when it became a republic but was invited back towards the end of apartheid and rejoined in January 1994. Mr Klass said that he was "very proud" of the fact that the country did rejoin and "grateful that Nelson Mandela (*inset*) received the Order of Merit."

Carolyn Steyn, another South African supporter of the monarchy, said: "Like many people here in South Africa, I was deeply saddened to hear that Queen Elizabeth II had passed away. She was an inspiration, a reassuring presence; celebrating our good times and standing by us in bad."

Even Emmerson Mnangagwa, the President of the sole African country currently suspended from the Commonwealth, Zimbabwe, tweeted a message of condolence to the family on the Queen's passing.

But her death has raised questions about the role of the Commonwealth in modern Africa, where opinions differ on the role of the monarchy in modern life.



"I feel the Commonwealth is a way symbolically of still being linked to the Crown, which various countries have chosen to still be connected to as a fraternity of nations," Mr Klass said.

Yet to the north, opposition figures in one of the Commonwealth's newest member states, Rwanda, have questioned the value of an institution that seemed to do nothing to deter abuses.

Etienne Mutabazi, of the Rwanda National Congress (RWC), an opposition party formed in exile, maintained that his country's President, Paul Kagame, is simply using the Commonwealth to spread respectability for his regime.

He said "so-called values that are being defended by the Commonwealth" people in Rwanda have been "wishing to see but yet... we had Kagame as the Commonwealth chair in office saying Rwanda had its own values and issues of human rights do not mean anything to him."

"Those are things that make us confused about why we have these communities," he added.

For others, news of the monarch's death has been met with a sense of indifference. On Zimbabwean television, a local woman, Dadirai



British forces in Kenya brutally suppressed the Mau Mau uprising in the 1950s



The then Princess Elizabeth visits Natal National Park in South Africa in 1947
EDDIE WORTH/AP

Haidi Mudziki, said that despite the news trending on social media, "I don't feel anything." Another man, Andrew Kunambura, added: "I feel totally indifferent about the death of the Queen, because her office means nothing to us."

The Economic Freedom Fighters, a South African radical leftist opposition party, attacked British colonialism in Africa in a statement addressing the Queen's death. The group said it did not mourn her death as it was a "reminder of a very tragic period in this country and Africa's history".

It noted atrocities committed in Kenya as the Mau Mau fought for independence in the 1950s, such as the killing of the leader Dedan Kimathi, while Queen Elizabeth II was on the throne.

Elsewhere, politicians such as Vuyo Zungula, an MP with the African Transformation Movement, and Thanduxolo Sabelo, a member of African National Congress, called for the return of the Cullinan diamond - which has been used in the Crown Jewels.

The diamond was discovered in South Africa in 1905 and ultimately gifted by the colonial administration to King Edward VII. At 3,106.75 carats it is the largest gem-quality rough diamond ever found.

ASIA

Indians indifferent to epochal change in Britain

By **Krutika Pathi and Bhumika Saraswati**

The death of the Queen has sparked sympathy in India, but also been met with an indifferent shrug by many in the "rising power" that has overtaken the British economy in size.

Hours before news of the monarch's death spread, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had delivered a fiery speech urging India to shed its colonial ties in a ceremony to rename a boulevard that once honoured King George V.

Rajpath, formerly called Kingsway, was a "symbol of slavery" under the British Raj, he said. Instead, under the newly named Kartavya Path that leads to the iconic India Gate, "a new history has been created", Mr Modi beamed.

His speech last Thursday was the latest in a concerted drive to purge India of its colonial relics. It was also a clear sign that the country, once

the largest of Britain's colonies that endured two centuries of imperial rule, has moved on.

The British monarchy "holds precisely zero relevance to Indians today, they are of no importance", said Kapil Komireddi, author of *Malevolent Republic: A Short History of the New India*.



British rule shaped the country in significant ways, but India has since overtaken the British economy in size. "The country has come into its own. As a rising power, India can gain a lot from the UK but the UK can gain a whole lot more from India," Mr Komireddi added.

On Thursday, Mr Modi (*inset*) penned a heartfelt note, calling the Queen "a stalwart of our times", while the government declared a day of mourning.

But for most Indians born a generation after independence from the British in 1947, there is little attachment to the Queen or Royal Family.

SCIENCE

New job in your 70s? Scientists explain how to keep match-fit

People with mentally taxing work can stay healthy for longer. By **Tom Bawden**

Being monarch could well help King Charles keep mentally and physically fit for longer, if a recent study is anything to go by. Scientists have found that a job that forces you to stretch your brain allows you to retain the mental dexterity needed for demanding roles for longer.

"Our results showed that 'occupation complexity' plays an important role in maintaining cognitive health and reducing dementia in later life," said Dorina Cadar, of University College London and Brighton and Sussex Medical School.

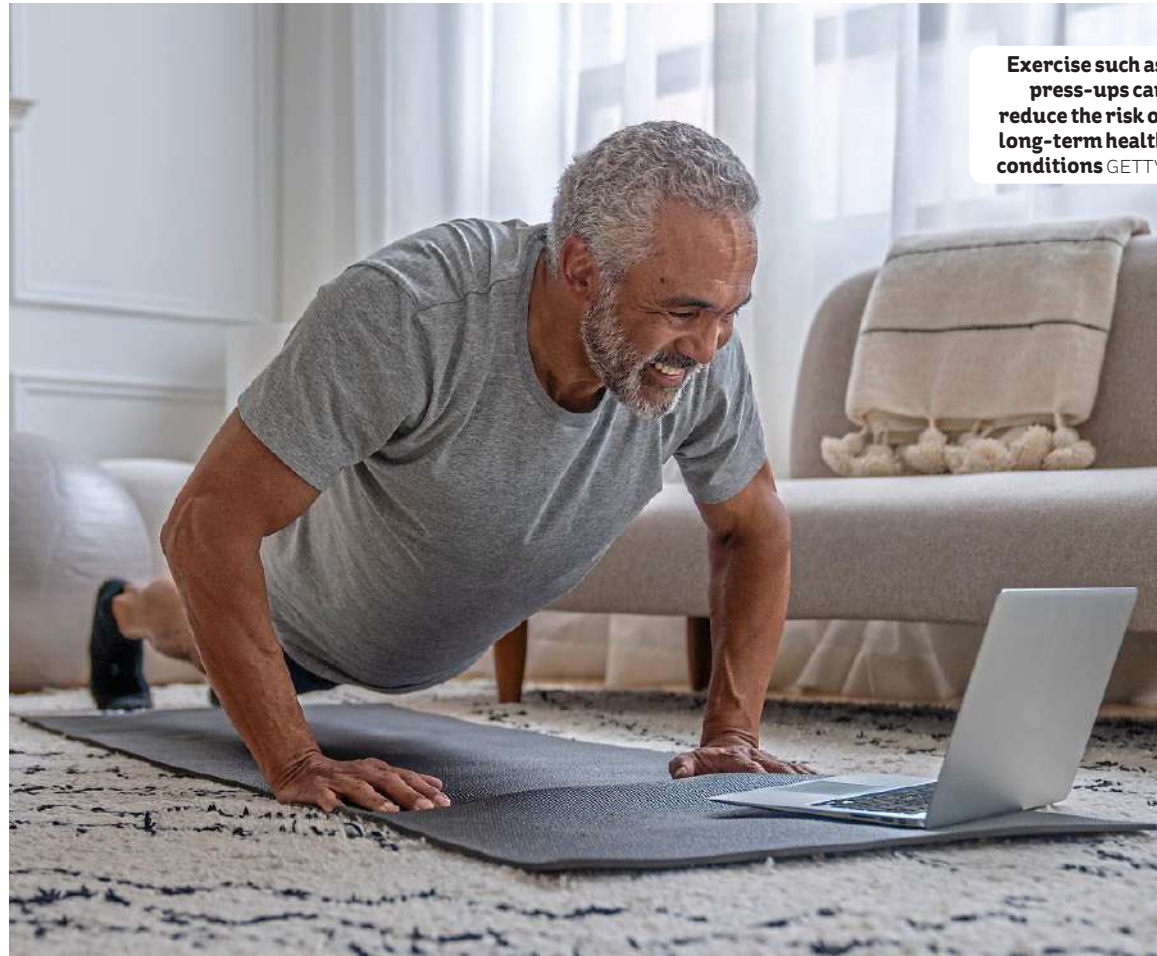
The study, published in the journal *Neurology*, also found that "increased education and a diverse range of leisure activities" are a good way to keep the brain functioning, with the latter still relevant for Charles even if he may now have little time for the former.

Katherine Gray, the research communications manager at the Alzheimer's Society, which part funded the study, said the more you regularly challenged your brain, "the less likely you are to experience memory and thinking problems in your later years".

Charles is known to have a healthy lifestyle and thought to be in good physical shape, bouncing back quickly after testing positive for Covid in 2020, at 71. His quick recovery has been credited, in part, to a simple fitness routine favoured by the Canadian Air Force that the King is said to do every day.

The 11-minute routine, known as 5BX, involves five basic exercises, that amount to a full-body workout that needs no special kit and gets the heart racing. They include stretching, press-ups, sit-ups, scissor jumps and back extensions – where you lie on your front and raise your head and one of your legs off the ground at the same time.

"Not smoking, drinking in moderation and having a healthy diet with plenty of omega-3 and fruit



and vegetables is also helpful," Dr Cadar said.

The English Longitudinal Study of Ageing, which has been studying the health, social, wellbeing and economic circumstances in the English population aged 50 and older for two decades also has some valuable lessons for Charles.

Andrew Steptoe, the UCL professor who runs the study, told **i**: "The two aspects I would particularly highlight are regular physical exercise and social engagement. Physical activity has an impact on mental wellbeing as well as reducing risk of several long-term physical health conditions, and gets people out and about.

"Walking and other exercise out in the open air in nature is particularly beneficial."

When it comes to walking in nature – which science increasingly tells us is good for our mental and physical wellbeing – Charles is likely to score highly. A strong advocate for the environment, he has often been pictured walking in the Scottish Highlands in his kilt as well as hiking elsewhere in the UK and overseas.

"There is a wealth of evidence suggesting that mutual friendships, social connections and social networks are beneficial for cognitive health and psychological wellbeing at any age across life.

Some studies suggest that the number of friends we are frequently in contact with is relevant, while others indicate that the quality of the relationships we actually have with our partner, family or friends is what is the most relevant in maintaining optimal health," said Dr Cadar.

While healthy eating is a given, there is emerging evidence that good gut bacteria can help massively is staving off everything from depression to dementia.

Gut bacteria expert Tim Spector, the King's College London professor who runs the Zoe personalised nutrition app, has five tips for people want to improve their microbiomes. They include eating 30 different plants a week (from nuts, seeds, pulses to whole grains fruits, and veggies) and adding plenty of colour to your plate.

"In particular, nuts, berries, seeds, brightly coloured fruits, extra virgin olive oil, and vegetables, and dark chocolate are rich in beneficial antioxidants and anti-inflammatory compounds," he said.

Fermented foods, such as live yogurt, artisanal cheeses, kimchi,

kombucha, kefir, and sauerkraut, are also good for the gut, while ultra-processed foods are bad for it.

Finally, it is good to give the gut microbes a bit of a rest every so often, with a 12- to 16-hour gap between dinner and breakfast, he said.

There is even evidence that the right gut bacteria can help you sleep better by boosting serotonin and dopamine levels, according to a study in *Scientific Reports*.

This leads us to the final health challenge Charles will face – getting a good night's sleep, something that is crucial for both mental and physical health and will be especially difficult in the coming months as he articulates his new role.

Professor Russell Foster, a sleep expert at Oxford University, says the key to a good night's sleep is to wind down before bed time.

"It could be yoga, mindfulness, anything that relaxes you and makes you less anxious," he said.

Reading a book, having a relaxing bath and avoiding arguments with your partners are also good ways to wind down, he advised.

All of which is easier said than done – but it appears that Charles is in a fairly reasonable position to take on what, for many at that age, would be an incredibly daunting task.

News in brief

SOCIETY

May fears sense of duty may be lost

The sense of duty embodied by the Queen may be slipping away in public life, Theresa May has said.

The former prime minister said the Queen was "the most remarkable person" and an "example of devotion to duty".

She told ITV's *Lorraine* programme: "I think maybe there is a slight loss of that sense of duty.

"It becomes, for a lot of people, more about them rather than about other people and how they should be... working for other people."

She added: "The late Queen Elizabeth was an example of devotion to duty par excellence."

WELFARE

Benefit payments to be issued early

People receiving benefits and pensions payments will be paid three days early in light of next week's bank holiday for the Queen's state funeral.

Those due to receive payments on Monday will be paid this Friday, the Department for Work and Pensions said. This is the last working day before the Queen's state funeral on Monday.

Benefits and credits to be paid in advance include: Attendance Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance and Income Support.



AUSTRALIA

Outcry over former soldier

An Australian former soldier's invitation to the Queen's funeral has caused controversy amid concerns that taxpayers could foot the bill for his travel to Britain.

Ben Roberts-Smith, 42, was invited in recognition of his status as a Victoria Cross holder.

He will not fly with the official prime ministerial delegation but taxpayers could cover the cost of flights "upon request", the defence ministry said.

Mr Roberts-Smith (*above*) is awaiting a verdict in a defamation case he brought against three Australian newspapers over reports that he was involved in six murders in Afghanistan. He denies any wrongdoing.



King Charles is said to complete a simple fitness routine every day

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SOCIETY

The Queen was an important reminder of a less cynical age

Few leaders enjoy the widespread popularity or respect given to our late monarch. By **Stephen Bush**



Shortly before I started at my secondary school, the Queen came to visit. She left an enduring mark on the place – partly because of the plaque to commemorate the new building that she opened, and partly because the school was deep-cleaned ahead of her visit.

Five years later, when I left, you could still see the clear line on the floor dividing the history department (which the Queen's tour took her through, and therefore had been scrubbed, steamed and polished within an inch of its life) and the geography and religious studies departments, which had been ignored in the monarchical tour and had not, therefore, been scrubbed up.

It was heavily rumoured among pupils that this was a source of considerable anger to the head of religious studies, though I'm not sure this was ever fully confirmed. But perhaps it should have been more angering to New Labour. I went to the kind of inner London school that New Labour ministers absolutely loved visiting – a multiracial comprehensive that had in the early 90s been a notorious failure, but by the turn of the century was churning out lawyers, teachers and financial services workers at a prodigious rate. Tony Blair visited at the peak of his popularity, yet only the Queen merited a deep clean.

In a way, my school's unfortunate religious studies classroom

mirrored the UK and indeed the world: a visit by the Queen is worth getting out the dustpan and brush for, but a box-fresh prime minister can make do.

The tributes that have poured in from across the world are in part about her longevity in post and the way she conducted herself as monarch. In a world in constant flux, she embodied a graceful stability. But she was also the last survivor of an era in which, broadly speaking, people quite liked their leaders.

In the US, swing voters were still numerous enough in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s to hand lopsided electoral victories to Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, and sufficiently non-tribal to discard Nixon and the Republicans following Watergate. Facing what he rightly describes as a threat to American democracy, Joe Biden enjoys at best lukewarm support from an all-too-small slice of Americans.

When Blair visited my secondary school, he enjoyed a 20-point approval rating. David Cameron, the next Opposition leader to take his party into office, was lucky if his approval ratings flickered into the low single digits as prime minister.

Today, Labour's Keir Starmer, who may well be the first leader of His Majesty's Opposition to enter Downing Street, is better rated than the incumbent, the Conservative Liz Truss, but still languishes with a net approval rating of minus 20.



The Queen visited schools around the country out of pride for the UK's education system GETTY

The same story plays out across much of the world. Canada's Justin Trudeau delivered a polished and moving tribute to the Queen, and has won three general elections on the bounce. But he has not won the popular vote since 2015 and has remained prime minister in large part because of the failure of the Conservatives to produce a compelling or attractive alternative. French president Emmanuel Macron has astutely used his tributes to the Queen to pour affection on the UK, even while the political relationship between his government and that of Truss is in poor repair. But he, too, is far from popular.

Although King Charles III enjoys a positive approval rating, it is some way short of the one enjoyed by his mother. There is a real risk that the

Queen's death marks the end of an age in which at least some global figures were well liked, and our definitive entry into an altogether coarser and more cynical era.

The reason the Queen visited my secondary school – and why so many ministers did – wasn't because they were bored on an afternoon in east London and needed to fill the time. It was because both the Queen and her ministers recognised that the creation of an excellent state school is, in itself, a worthy national endeavour and one worth celebrating.

Something important is lost when a country lacks any figures who are both widely recognised and generally liked. A nation – and indeed a global community – has to be a collective endeavour

to succeed, whether we are eliminating disease, preventing a nuclear exchange or tackling climate change. And a degree of shared affection and understanding is necessary if such an undertaking is to be successful.

The UK's new king is likeable in part because he feels less remote. A school friend once told me, entirely seriously, that Camilla, the Queen Consort, was a lot like his grandmother because they had both been divorced. But I suspect the main reason many Britons are keen to embrace King Charles is that we know that we will lose something quite important if there is no one in public life whom almost everybody finds at least tolerable.

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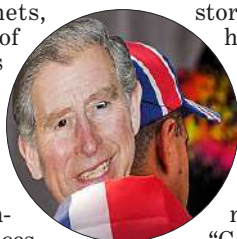
Shops rush to stock memorabilia

By **Kelvin Chan**
and **Jeffrey Schaeffer**

There are fridge magnets, tea sets and flags. And of course mugs, T-shirts and sweatshirts.

Just days after the death of the Queen, unofficial souvenirs have rolled out at royal-themed gift shops in London and online marketplaces such as Amazon and Etsy.

Cool Britannia, a shop close to Buckingham Palace, pushed its



suppliers to work overnight to get mementos ready by Saturday, just two days after the Queen's death, store manager Ismayil Ibrahim said. Items depicting King Charles were also on the way.

Sellers on eBay and Amazon are already hawking King Charles III souvenirs, including mugs and key rings saying "God Save The King".

Amazon vendors are selling similarly tacky and hastily churned-out royal merchandise.

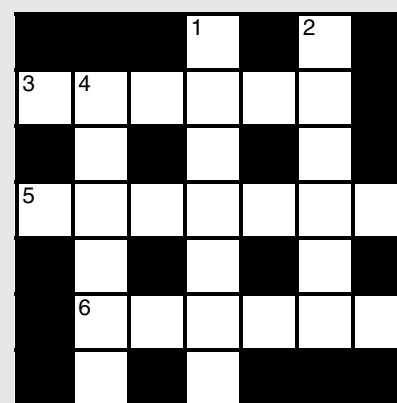


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The Queen visited every corner of the UK and Commonwealth during her reign – 30 per cent of British adults say they personally met or saw her at some point in their life.

We would love to hear from readers with stories to tell about meeting the Queen or any anecdotes they wish to share about the effect she had on them. Please email i@news.co.uk with "Queen" as the subject line.

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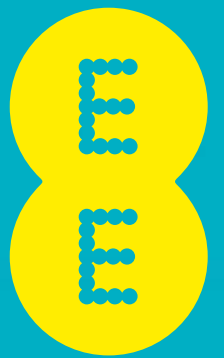
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ECONOMY

Treasury under Kwarteng will focus all guns on mission to ramp up GDP

By Hugo Gye
POLITICAL EDITOR

The Chancellor has ordered civil servants to focus solely on economic growth – with new figures that are forecast to show that inflation has stopped rising.

Kwasi Kwarteng has told his team at the Treasury that increasing the growth rate of gross domestic product (GDP) to 2.5 per cent in the coming years should be their sole focus.

Last week, he sacked the department's permanent secretary, Tom Scholar, in what his allies said was an attempt to change the Treasury's mindset away from its priority on reducing the deficit.

The move has angered officials who have worked closely with Mr Scholar over the past six years.

In a conference call with staff, Mr Kwarteng said that civil servants should focus "entirely on growth" but also ruled out sacking other senior mandarins, according to the *Financial Times*. He is expected to issue a fiscal statement next Thursday and confirm plans to reverse the recent rise in national insurance and cancel a proposed increase in corporation tax.

The new Chancellor and the Prime Minister have promised to cut taxes and introduce structural reforms which they claim will grow the economy and raise living standards following more than a decade in which average wages have hardly increased.

During the Tory leadership election campaign, Liz Truss's rival, Rishi Sunak, warned that cutting taxes would prolong the current period of high inflation and exacerbate the squeeze on living standards.

But, in the short term, the announcement that energy bills will be frozen over the winter so that the average household pays no more than £2,500 this year may help to



As the Chancellor, Kwasi Kwarteng (left), attempts to reinvigorate the economy, many businesses are still battling to overcome the effects of the pandemic. Marks and Spencer is shutting 32 more stores over the next three years GETTY

stop inflation from rising and could prevent a looming recession, according to economists.

The Office for National Statistics will today announce the inflation rate for August and an average of expert predictions suggests that it will remain at 10.1 per cent, the same as the previous month and the first time for a year that inflation has not risen month-on-month.

Samuel Tombs, who is the chief UK economist at Pantheon

Macroeconomics, said yesterday: "The contribution of electricity and natural gas prices to the headline rate of CPI inflation will rise to 3.3 percentage points in October, from 2.3 percentage points at present, rather than soar to six percentage points, as implied by Ofgem's proposed cap."

The Treasury is finalising options for next week's fiscal statement, which will fall short of a full-blown Budget and will not include a full

forecast for the economy and the public finances from the Office for Budget Responsibility.

One possibility is bringing forward the planned cut in the basic rate of income tax to April rather than 2024, as Mr Sunak had announced.

2.5%

The annual growth rate target for gross domestic product that Kwasi Kwarteng is expected to set

i The Labour Party is expected to argue that the Government's **reset of its economic policy is illusory**, given the importance of Ms Truss and Mr Kwarteng to Boris Johnson's administration.

POLITICS

Businesses left in dark over energy bills plan

By Hugo Gye

Businesses are still in the dark about how the Government will control energy bills this winter, ministers have been warned.

The energy price guarantee, which will cap the price of heating and electricity for households, will come into effect on 1 October.

But there are a number of unanswered questions about the package, including how businesses will be supported; what will happen in Northern Ireland, which has a different bills regime; and what households

should do if they are currently locked in to a fixed-price deal.

The chairman of the Night Time Industries Association, Sacha Lord (*inset*), told the BBC: "I think we are now entering probably the most critical week for my industry in my lifetime."

"My phone is red hot and people are just at the end of their tether. And we already know that probably seven out of 10 pubs won't make the winter if this help doesn't come."

The price of the package overall is considered likely to be higher than the furlough scheme during the pandemic and could top the

£137bn used to bail out banks during the global financial crisis, according to the Resolution Foundation, a think tank.

Ministers are also under pressure to explain how they will boost the country's energy supply during the two years the price guarantee will run, to allow the Government to wind down the support on offer without having to come up with an equivalent package in 2024.

And it remains unclear whether homeowners, renters

or landlords will be given help to insulate their homes better, which cuts energy usage and bills in the long run.



Whitehall departments have been banned from issuing press releases or making policy announcements during the mourning period which will end after the late Queen's state funeral. But No 10 has not ruled out publishing further details of the energy bills package this week in order to reassure the public.

News in brief

EMPLOYMENT

Jobless rate is lowest since 1974

The UK's unemployment rate has dropped to its lowest since 1974 but wages are still lagging behind inflation, official figures show.

The number of workers on payrolls rose by 71,000, or 0.2 per cent, between July and August to 29.7 million, the Office for National Statistics reported.

The economic inactivity rate – a measure of those not in work and not looking for work – rose by 0.4 percentage points over the quarter to 21.7 per cent, its highest since the three months to January 2017.

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CONSUMER

Grocery inflation hits new record

Grocery price inflation hit 12.4 per cent during the past month, up from August's previous record of 11.6 per cent, the research firm Kantar has reported.

The latest figure means that the average annual grocery bill will increase from £4,610 to £5,181 if consumers do not change the products they buy and how they shop to cut costs.

Sales of the very cheapest own-label value products are up by 33 per cent on the year. Overall spending on all retailer own-label lines was £393m higher during the latest four weeks.



BORDERS

Migrant crossings double in a year

More migrants have crossed the English Channel to the UK so far this year than in the whole of 2021, Government figures suggest.

There were 601 people detected on Monday (*above, the scene in Dover*) in 19 boats, the Ministry of Defence said, taking the provisional total this year to 28,561.

This suggests there was an average of 32 people per boat in the latest day of crossings. Last year's total was 28,526.

The 2022 figure to date is nearly double the number of migrants crossing that had been detected by this point last year, which was just under 14,500.

KHARKIV

‘We’re happy, our soldiers are kicking Russian asses’

Ukrainians rejoice as army gains more ground. By **Chris York**

Ukraine’s lightning counter-offensive and the collapse of Russian forces in the Kharkiv region have astounded experts around the world but on the streets of Lviv, people say they never expected anything less.

“We are not surprised, it was logical,” Vladislav tells **i**, as he and a friend smoke a cigarette on a drizzly night on the cobbles of the city’s historic main square.

“We’re fighting for our land. Putin’s state and regime, we have nothing in common with it. We have a totally different lifestyle, it’s freer and we will never surrender to them.”

Lviv is about as far from the front lines as you can be in Ukraine but reminders of the war are constant – air-raid sirens, largely ignored by those drinking coffee and dining in the city’s historic Rynok Square, are still a regular occurrence and the Lychakiv Cemetery on the outskirts of the city centre is the final resting place for hundreds of Ukrainian soldiers killed in the conflict with Russia since 2014.

During those eight years, the Ukrainian army has been transformed from one that could do nothing to stop Russia’s annexation of Crimea, into one that is pushing back against what is supposed to be the second most powerful military in the world.

“A couple of years ago we didn’t believe our army was so strong,” 25-year-old Iryna said. “And now we see that we can really fight and we can stand against this huge country and we can win.”

“Of course we’re happy, we’re happy for our soldiers who are really kicking the Russians’ asses.



Ukrainian soldiers have liberated towns and villages since last week

They’re our heroes and we’re so glad to read this news.”

While the mood on the street may have lifted slightly with people able to talk about how the war is progressing with a smile instead of tears, open celebration is still some way off.

Even with the lightning victories of liberation seen since last week, analysts say the end of the war is not in sight and a long and difficult winter lies ahead.

With the liberation of Ukrainian towns and villages will come news of how their citizens fared under Russian occupation. Painfully recent history from towns with names now synonymous with horror like Bucha and Irpin, mean people are fearing the worst.

Iryna says Russian soldiers “are not good people like our soldiers are” and that “of course there is fear”, adding: “But it is a war. We are prepared for these pictures which I hope we don’t see.”

Others are far less reserved in their opinions about those they are fighting against. “[Russian soldiers] are not people, they’re not even animals,” says 21-year-old military medic Daria. “Anything could have happened, it’s very scary.”

Her husband Sergei, also a medic, is more defiant but also says a sense of guilt over the events of Bucha has made him even more determined to ensure it is not seen again.

“It was our fault that this happened and we will never let it happen again,” he says.

“We are not afraid that Bucha can be repeated because we are not like the armed forces of Russia, we’re learning through our mistakes.”

Then there is how Mr Putin will react to the crushing of his forces in the Kharkiv region.

Unwilling to even mention by name what she fears the most, Iryna says: “We’re afraid what Russia’s next steps might be.

“They don’t have much left in the way of weapons like we have, because we have help from other countries, but they have a stronger weapon and we’re really hoping and praying they don’t use it.

“I hope they will just be too afraid to use them because they fear the reaction.

“They need to just leave our territory and surrender.”

Standing on the corner of Rynok Square, an elderly man selling handmade bracelets in the colours of the Ukrainian flag to raise money for the armed forces, hadn’t seen the news about the counter-offensive.

After learning what had been unfolding and asked for his thoughts, he smiles and says only: “Kaput to Russia.”



Front line Soldiers send encouraging footage

Despite a media blackout on the front lines and only occasional and general updates on the situation from the Ukrainian government, analysts, and in turn the public, have been able to piece together a detailed picture of events largely from two sources.

The first has been social media posts from soldiers on the front lines with pictures of troops posing triumphantly in front of road signs on the edges of towns and villages as they advance, and videos of newly

liberated Ukrainians greeting their army with food and flowers. There is also an astonishing amount of military equipment and vehicles abandoned by the Russians.

The second has been the Telegram channels of pro-Russian military bloggers who have been unusually frank about the disaster they have watched unfold over the past few days, with criticism of Vladimir Putin – almost unheard of just days ago – now a regular occurrence.



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Ukrainian counter offensives



A Ukrainian soldier (left) helps a wounded comrade inside freed territory in the Kharkiv region yesterday KOSTIANTYN LIBEROVJAP

RUSSIA

Bloggers call for 'complete destruction' following Ukraine gains

By Kieron Monks

The mood has darkened on Russia's legacy and social media channels since Ukraine's lightning counteroffensive reclaimed swathes of territory around Kharkiv, with online commentators calling for "complete destruction" in response.

As Ukrainians celebrate the raising of their flag in Izyum and Kupiansk, Russian commentators have been left to contemplate a costly collapse and the abandonment of towns and cities recently proclaimed to be "Russia for ever".

The question now dominating Russian discourse is how to respond to this humiliating setback, the latest in an increasingly damaging war that was framed to the domestic public as a limited operation that would swiftly achieve all of its objectives.

Leading Russian military commentators demanded a sustained shift to a more destructive strategy. "We want to express a timid hope: that a fundamental decision has been made to stop playing war and engage in the complete destruction of the enemy without moral or spiritual anguish," wrote popular military blogger Older Eddy on Telegram.

"The strikes against critical infrastructure could be a signal that Russia is going to prosecute this war as a real war," said an unnamed host of the *Russians With Attitude* podcast.

"The fact that four missiles caused a blackout in half of Ukraine shows that Russia has the conventional military capability to make life unbearable for all of Ukraine."

Telegram channel Grey Zone, which is affiliated to the Wagner paramilitary group, concurred. "The impact on the critical infrastructure of the enemy must continue," wrote a member. "Nuclear power is good but if we are not ready to use even tactical nuclear weapons there is no point betting on it."

Beyond the use of more destructive weapons, military commentators are also demanding reorientation of society to meet the demands of war. "We all need to realise the peaceful and comfortable time is over, it's time to mobilise," wrote Older Eddy.

There has also been sharper criticism of Russian leaders. "The operation did not go to plan," said war reporter Semyon Pegov. "Changes are needed. And the old elites are not ready."

MILITARY

Ukraine has retaken area half the size of Wales, officials claim

By Arj Singh
DEPUTY POLITICAL EDITOR

Ukraine is in the process of retaking 10,000 square kilometres – an area half the size of Wales – in its counter-offensive against Russian forces that are now too stretched to take it back, Western officials believe.

It is too early to say whether the huge gains made in the Kharkiv region are a turning point in the war, officials said. But the counteroffensive is important psychologically and operationally as Russian supply lines are being cut.

It was previously thought that Ukraine had retaken around 6,000 square kilometres of the Kharkiv region, but officials now believe Russia is withdrawing troops from a much larger area.

The drawdown has also been disorderly, with some units displaying professionalism but others, including militias, fleeing in panic and leaving hi-tech equipment behind, officials believe.

Part of the reason for Ukraine's success is its speedy battlefield decision-making, whereas Russian

operations are being increasingly directed from Moscow, which slows them down.

Officials now expect Russian troops to dig into the areas it holds in south and eastern Ukraine – including the land bridge to Crimea and the Donbas region – and fortify defences.

But the fact that untrained Russian separatist militias and volunteers from the Donbas are part of the forces defending Kherson region in the south shows how stretched Vladimir Putin's forces are, according to officials.

Kyiv, meanwhile, faces a dilemma about where to position resources along the now-500-mile-long front line.

Officials expect Ukraine to focus on consolidating its gains but note that its army has the ability to surprise and may try to go further.

Elsewhere, the counteroffensive has slowed down plans by Mr Putin (*inset*) for the "Russification" of Russian-held territory.

Despite the gains, Western leaders from US President Joe Biden down are being careful not to declare a premature victory.

Analysis

EU president expected to call for tax on windfall profits

Leo Cendrowicz
IN BRUSSELS



When the European Commission's president, Ursula von der Leyen, gave her State of the Union speech last year, it was in the wake of a successful vaccination drive, so she evinced hope that the EU was seeing the back of an unprecedented crisis.

However, when she delivers this year's speech today, she will be speaking about a new crisis. Russia's war against Ukraine has threatened stability while triggering fears of high inflation.

The EU may have uncoupled itself from its dependence on

Russian oil, gas and coal, but the prices have surged ferociously, and there are fears about whether households will have enough energy this winter.

Still, Ms von der Leyen does have some ideas. She is expected to call for taxes on the windfall profits of lower-cost energy producers and fossil fuel companies. Officials are reluctant to use the word "tax", as decisions on taxation require unanimity in the EU.

Ms von der Leyen will also propose other measures including binding targets to cut electricity use during peak hours.

However, her plans can only succeed if the EU holds together – and she is set to say that if the EU can hold its nerve this winter, it will emerge stronger than ever.

CHINA

Xi and Putin to discuss war

Xi Jinping is using his first post-Covid trip abroad to promote China's strategic ambitions at a summit with Vladimir Putin and other leaders of a Central Asian security group.

The Chinese President is promoting a "Global Security Initiative"

announced in April following the formation of the "Quad" by the US, Japan, Australia and India.

Mr Xi is due to meet the Russian President, Mr Putin, in Uzbekistan this week during a summit of the eight-member Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

They will meet one-on-one tomorrow and discuss Ukraine ahead of the next day's summit.

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My View

Paul Waugh



Truss's first chance to deliver

If PM can land a Protocol deal it will result in big rewards



The EU has said some movement on customs checks may be possible GETTY

For governments as much as families, funerals can be a time to let bygones be bygones. And for the vexed issue of the UK's Brexit deal and its impact on Northern Ireland, the current 10-day period of official mourning for the late Queen won't harm the search for a breakthrough.

The pause in formal politics is giving welcome breathing space for the UK and the EU to reset relations. Crucially, it allows both sides to quietly ignore the deadline that had loomed this Thursday, when London was due to respond to Brussels' legal action over its failure to implement checks on goods mandated by the Northern Ireland Protocol.

It's a sign of how seriously the EU takes this issue that chief Brexit negotiator Maros Sefcovic gave an interview to *The Financial Times* this week. It was an olive branch. Physical checks on goods moving between Britain and Northern Ireland could be reduced to a "couple of lorries a day" if the UK gave the EU real-time data on trade movements, he suggested.

Some Brexiteer MPs may well raise a hollow laugh at Sefcovic's technology-based solution, given that Brussels and others ridiculed David Davis when he first floated the idea of similar "alternative arrangements" to a hard border between Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Still, before the news of the Queen's passing, Liz Truss had been clearly keen to re-engage. No 10 contacted European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen to set up a phone call, which is now expected to take place next week. Truss did ring Irish Prime Minister Micheál Martin

and they are expected to meet after he visits London for the state funeral.

Truss had a chance to meet key Irish and Northern Irish politicians at the memorial service in Belfast yesterday attended by King Charles. Asked if the Northern Ireland Protocol would be discussed at any point, Truss's official spokesperson said that during a period of mourning "you wouldn't expect formal meetings on the Protocol or anything else". Yet when asked if informal conversations could take place, he replied: "They can't be ruled out, no."

The mourning period will give both sides cover to avoid the immediate problem of tomorrow's deadline. It's expected that the UK will submit a request to extend its light-touch implementation of the Protocol, and Brussels will give informal consent by not lodging any objection.

The bigger issue is just how much Truss wants to really resolve this whole issue. Talks with Brussels ran into the ground in February and time is pressing. If the DUP, which is pushing Truss hard, refuses to take part in power-sharing by 28 October, fresh elections to the Northern Ireland Assembly will be triggered.

Some fear the worst, pointing to Truss's boasts in the Tory leadership

campaign that she secured the Commons passage of the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill, which would unilaterally tear up the deal with Brussels and which could spark a trade war if passed by the Lords.

Truss's appointment of Chris Heaton-Harris as Northern Ireland Secretary and Brexit "hard man" Steve Baker as one of his ministers is also seen as a recipe for confrontation. Tory MPs recall the Cabinet reshuffle's only stumble was over the Ulster job, which was reportedly refused by various figures from Sajid Javid to Penny Mordaunt precisely because it was seen as a poisoned chalice.

But it's possible that Truss could use Heaton-Harris and Baker's track record (both were chairmen of the Tory backbench European Research Group) as part of a "Nixon-in-China" approach, with their hard-line Brexiteer bona fides offering reassurance over any deal reached. Instead of megaphone diplomacy (conducted via tweets or briefings to papers), the much-mocked but very useful "tunnel" of private negotiations could break the deadlock.

When she became Prime Minister, Truss narrowed her focus to what she felt would be deliverable priorities before the next election in 2024: cutting taxes, solving the energy crisis and fixing the NHS. Continuing the never-ending war over Brexit wasn't among those priorities.

For that reason, she may opt for the fudge that has long characterised any tricky EU issue. Simply kicking the can down the road, rolling over current imperfect arrangements as long as there is no escalation on either side, may be seen as one option.

Truss has already shown she can be ruthlessly pragmatic, ditching her previous opposition to "handouts" when faced with the imperative of a swift if expensive solution to the energy bills crisis. Adding billions on to borrowing won't be easy, but she's so far managed to keep her party united over it. A similar sense of compromise on Northern Ireland is not impossible.

Of course, solving the Northern Ireland Protocol problem is a task that's nowhere near as easy as the flick of a chancellor's pen that will deliver tax cuts.

Balancing the competing interests of the DUP and the majority of Northern Ireland Assembly members (who want to tweak the Protocol, not ditch it) and avoiding a legal quagmire over triggering Article 16 of the Brexit deal, are serious challenges of statecraft.

Yet if Truss puts time and energy into actually solving the issue rather than parking it, the political rewards would be worthwhile. Getting Stormont restarted, getting a bit of "Brexit done" that Boris Johnson never could, rebooting relations with the EU to focus on common interests, even winning the goodwill of Joe Biden's White House, are all tempting prizes for any Prime Minister.

Most importantly of all, getting a deal on Northern Ireland's post-Brexit future would show that Truss was exactly what she promised both her party and the British people she would be: a deliverer, not a ditherer.

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Quote of the day



I got a complaint: I'm so selfish, I make the whole show about me, because I walk so slow

Laura Whitmore
The former 'Love Island' presenter on an unusual piece of viewer criticism

She may opt for the fudge that has characterised any tricky EU issue

The Opinion Matrix

COMMENT FROM HOME AND ABROAD

UKRAINE RESPONSE



Proof invaded country can beat Russia

Daily Mirror

Ukraine's lightning counterattack in Kharkiv could be a turning point. We hope that by supplying advanced weaponry the US, EU countries and Britain are helping tilt the balance in this conflict. (Editorial)

BBC News

Without proof they can win, Ukrainians fear that the economic costs of supporting them and opposing Russia might be too much for some of their Nato allies, especially over a long, hard winter. The Ukrainians know what they're fighting for – it is not clear that the Russians do. (Jeremy Bowen)

MONARCHY PROTESTS



Arrests an assault on free speech

The Spectator

No one should ever be arrested for what they think or say. Over the weekend we witnessed an alarming, almost medieval act of censorship. A woman was dragged away by cops for holding up a sign that said "Abolish the monarchy". It was an intolerable assault on freedom of speech. (Brendan O'Neill)

Spiked

As a veteran republican myself, I appreciate that these sorts of people might look more like morons than martyrs to most. However, I also believe that cancellation and censorship is no way to respond to their ranting and raving. (Mick Hume)

BAKE OFF RETURNS



Competition the perfect comfort food

Daily Express

With its heady mix of competition and confectionery, lightly dusted with cosy camaraderie, *Bake Off* has become a sugar hit it's almost impossible for us to resist – especially right now, at a time when we all need cheering up a bit. (Fiona Price)

The Guardian

A new series of *Bake Off* is exactly what the nation kneads (sorry, it's just too easy). Among this year's 12 contestants: Carole with the candy-floss hair, nuclear scientist James and, last but not yeast, salsa-dancing, and self-confessed space nerd, Abdul. (Hollie Richardson)

COST OF LIVING



Pandemic of poverty is approaching

New Statesman

Prime Minister Liz Truss's plan may make the economy appear healthier for a while – just long enough to get through a snap election, perhaps – but the price of cheaper energy for all this winter will be a weaker economy for a decade. (Will Dunn)

The Independent

As we watch the indicators for fuel prices, food prices, inflation and energy all turn red, we must recognise a pandemic of poverty is approaching that requires a national response. We need to work out what the equivalent of shielding is and start doing it. (Chris Naylor)

NATIONAL MOURNING



Britain's fractures are healing

The Times

In recent years, cultural divisions have created the sense that the country is fracturing. In this time of such widespread sorrow, we learn that we are still a nation after all. (Melanie Phillips)

Daily Mail

The vast numbers of mourners who stood respectfully by Scotland's roadsides to see the Queen begin her final journey starkly illustrated the missteps of the authorities in deciding to fly her body back to London. Carrying it by Royal Train would have allowed many more people to line the route and say farewell. (Editorial)

FROZEN PLANET



Glorious, life-affirming television

The Courier

It's been more than a decade since the original *Frozen Planet*. Thank goodness its much-anticipated sequel survived the many cultural cancellations that we've seen over the last week. BBC bigwigs obviously understand the soothing power of excellent television. (Kirsty Strickland)

The Sun

If there was one show guaranteed to lift the nation, then it was the return of *Frozen Planet*. A glorious, life-affirming 50-minute bonanza that almost single-handedly justified the BBC licence fee. (Clemmie Moodie)

Life In Brief

PAULINE STROUD ACTRESS

Of all of Pauline Stroud's bragging rights, her biggest is likely that she was once chosen over Audrey Hepburn, Joan Collins and 200 others to play Marjorie Clark in the 1951 film *Lady Godiva Rides Again*.

The performer, who has died aged 92 from cancer, took on the role of a waitress from a small town who won a beauty pageant, but was not prepared for the tough world of fame, and the pressures of becoming an overnight success.

Stroud's character competes in a rigged competition (which she wins anyway), rides horseback naked and ends up working in a seedy theatre in the comedy.

Filmed in Folkestone, the movie was inspired by the 1950 Miss Kent

beauty pageant. It should have been the first in a five-film contract for Stroud, according to her friend, Olive Simpson.

However, Simpson claims that Stroud then got engaged to Peter Lemos, a Greek man from a wealthy family who some felt was not supportive of her career. Though Stroud ended the engagement, she did not manage to recover her career.

After the film's release, she went on to study at Rada (Royal Academy of Dramatic Art) and graduated in 1953. Stroud then toured with repertory theatre.

She also appeared in other films. In the 1953 movie *Alf's Baby*, she played Pamela Weston – a beautiful but mischievous woman adopted by

three single men in her infancy. In 1959's *Life in Emergency Ward 10*, set in a small county hospital, Stroud played Nurse Vincent, the same year she played a barmaid in *The Heart of a Man*.

Between 1960 and 1972, Stroud appeared in a number of films and TV dramas. There was *The Sullivan Brothers*, *A World of Comedy*, *Wicked Women*, playing convicted murderer Florence Maybrick, and *New Scotland Yard*. In 1974, Stroud began working at Covent Garden as an extra for ballet and opera shows. That year, she played the nude model of Rudolfo in a John Copley production of *La Bohème*. More than 40 years later, she was the little old lady in *Café Momus*.

Pauline Stroud was born in the Kent town of Royal Tunbridge Wells. She was the only child of her father, Leslie Stroud, who worked as an accountant, and her mother, Daisy (maiden name Waters).

Stroud attended convent school at first, but her mother was worried that her daughter may decide to join the sisterhood. So, instead Stroud attended a private school where her education included both ballet and horse riding.

In 1981, she inherited her mother's Tunbridge Wells home, and moved there from Kensington, central London, where she had lived for around 30 years.

Although she never married, Stroud was in a long-term



relationship with Barry Woodward, a cruise director who died in 2002.

Survivors include her four cousins, Lynnette, Michael, Susan and Linda.

Born 21 March 1930
Died 4 September 2022
Izin Akhabau

Games & Puzzles

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Dominoes

How to play All of the 28 domino pieces from 0-0 through to 6-6 have been placed once into the grid. Can you work out where each of them is placed?

0	6	6	4	6	5	6	5
2	1	0	3	1	1	6	4
4	2	2	2	6	6	3	5
4	0	6	5	0	1	1	3
4	3	5	0	1	2	0	4
3	0	5	2	1	4	5	5
1	0	4	2	3	3	3	2

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
6							
5							
4							
3							
2							
1							
0							

Journey Finder

How to play Move between the numbers in order 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4 and so on, starting with the grey 1 and ending with the grey 4. On each step you may move one square in any direction (including diagonally). You must form a continuous path that visits every square exactly once.

1	2	1	2	3	4
2	1	3	4	1	3
3	4	2	4	2	1
4	3	1	3	4	4
2	2	2	1	4	3
1	4	3	3	2	1

Train Tracks

How to play Numbers around the outside indicate how many squares in each row and column the track passes through between A and B. The track either passes straight through a square or turns at right angles in it.

4	4	8	1	2	7	2	2	
								3
								3
								4
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								6
								2
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								2
								4
A							B	

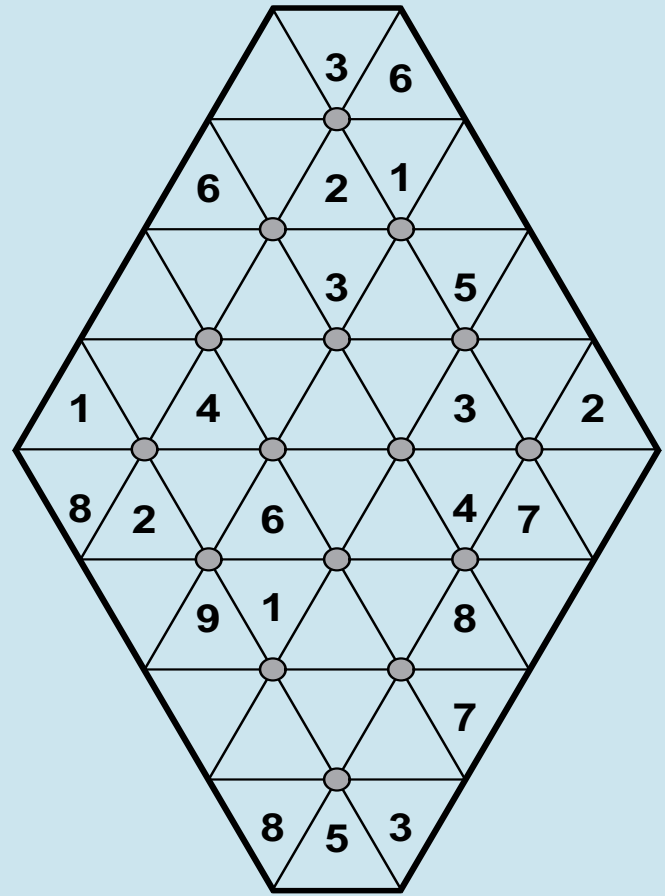
Binary

How to play Complete the grid so that each row and column contains five 0s and five 1s. The same number cannot appear in more than two consecutive squares in any row or column. In the finished puzzle, each row must have a different sequence of 0s and 1s to any other row, and likewise for each column.

	1			1		0			
								0	
	1			1	1			0	
	0				0				
						1			0
1				0					
	0			1					
1									0
	0		1		1	0			
	0				0	0		1	

Number Hexagon

How to play Each hexagon is divided into six triangles. The sum of these six triangles is always 25. Place a number from 1-9 in each empty triangle to complete the puzzle; you cannot repeat a number within a hexagon.



Pathfinder

How to play Moving from letter to adjacent letter, can you create a continuous path that visits every square once and spells out all the words listed to the right of the grid? Start on the shaded square.

F	S	T	I	A	U	Q	E	R	E
O	U	M	L	T	R	R	A	R	I
R	M	A	D	E	U	D	R	E	D
H	C	L	I	G	O	I	O	G	A
E	S	I	V	I	L	E	C	I	R
M	T	T	Y	R	G	D	E	E	B
E	P	U	O	I	N	I	S	T	I
L	R	R	U	I	R	H	E	C	S
I	O	C	S	C	C	T	O	L	O
G	H	T	L	Y	U	S	O	P	P

Brigadier
Circus
Clothing
Corrupt
Delirious
Diocese
Equated
Formality
Lightly
Litmus
Opposite
Rarer
Scheme
Vigour

Chain Link

How to play Place the numbers 1-6 in each row, column and along each series of squares linked by the chain.

		4		5	1	
5				3		
						6
3						
6						

Daily Quiz

1. The Detroit-based singer Sheléa paid tribute to which US soul singer at the Proms in the Royal Albert Hall this year?
2. Which novel by Mark Haddon is narrated by Christopher John Francis Boone, a 15-year-old boy with "some behavioural difficulties"?
3. Which online dating app did Sean Rad help found at a hackathon in West Hollywood in 2012?
4. What do the initials Isis stand for in relation to the modern, violent extremist group?

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Battleships

How to play Locate the position of each of the ships listed below in the grid. Numbers around the edge tell you the number of ship segments in each row and column of the puzzle. Ships are surrounded on all sides by water, including diagonally.

									4
									1
				▲					7
									0
			▲		●		●		3
									1
					●				3
									0
									1
									0
3	3	2	3	0	2	3	0	0	4
◀	■	■	▶						
◀	■	■	▶						

Double shallot Thai red curry chicken noodle soup



SERVES 4

- 3tbsp vegetable oil
- 200g chicken breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 8 shallots, peeled – 4 finely sliced and 4 halved
- 300g ramen noodles
- 3 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped
- 1tbsp ginger paste
- 3tbsp Thai red curry paste
- 500ml chicken stock
- 2 tins of coconut milk
- 3tbsp fish sauce
- Juice of 2 limes
- Small bunch of coriander

Heat 1tbsp of the oil in a wok, add the chicken pieces and the halved shallots. Cook for 10 minutes until the chicken is cooked through and the shallots are soft and slightly charred. Remove to a plate.

Bring a medium-sized pan of water to boil, then add the ramen noodles and cook according to the instructions on the pack. Drain and rinse well with cold water. Toss with one teaspoon of oil and put to one side.

Add the remaining oil to the wok and add the sliced shallots. Cook, stirring often, for five minutes. Then add the garlic, ginger and curry paste and cook for a further two minutes.

Add the chicken broth, coconut milk and fish sauce, bring to a simmer and cook for five minutes. Add the lime juice and season with salt and pepper to taste.

To serve, divide the noodles between two deep bowls, ladle over the broth and top with the chicken pieces and halved shallots. Finish with the coriander.

Recipe from ukshallot.com

Tomorrow

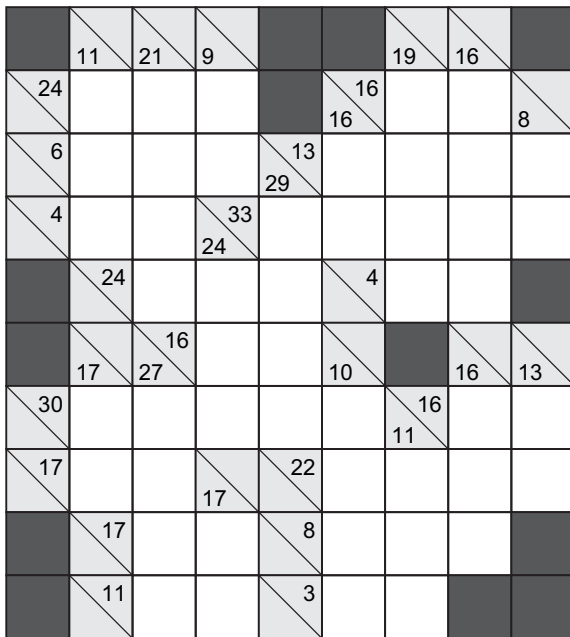
Sausage sandwiches with shallot, fennel and apple slaw



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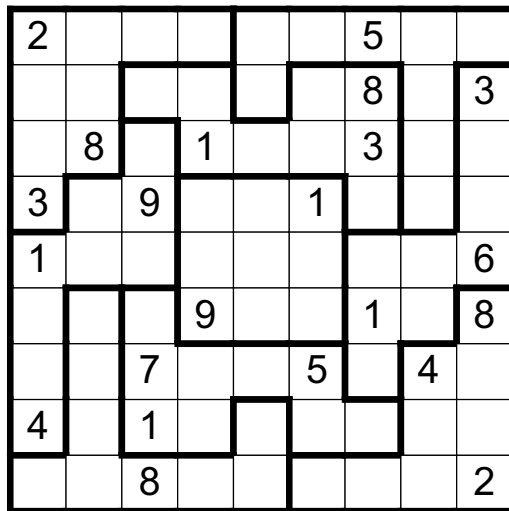
Kakuro

How to play Fill the white squares so that the total in each across or down run of cells matches the total at the start of that run. You must use the numbers from 1-9 only and cannot repeat a number in a run.



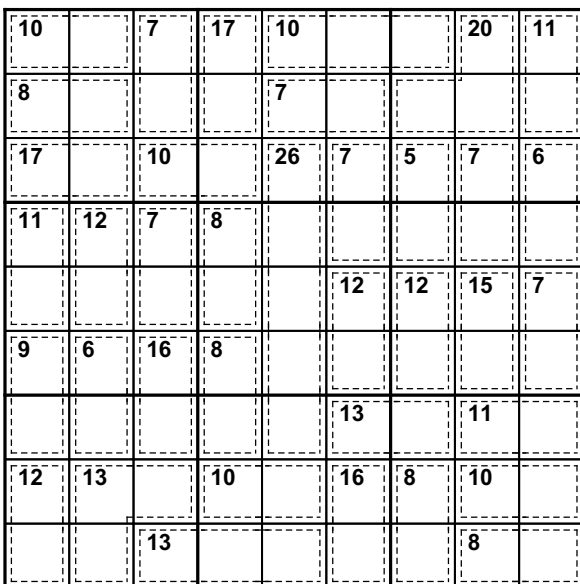
Jigsawdoku

How to play Place the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and bold-lined jigsaw region.



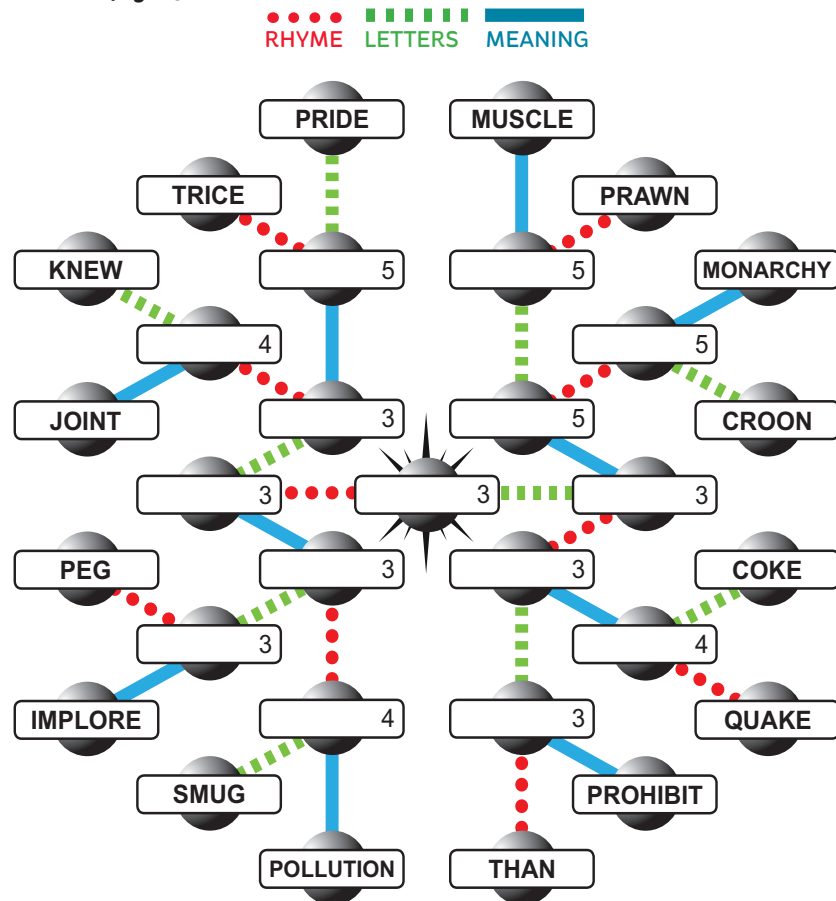
Killer Sudoku

How to play Each row, column and 3 by 3 box must contain each number (1 to 9) only once. The sum of all numbers contained in a dotted area must match the number printed in its top-left corner. No number can appear more than once in a dotted area.



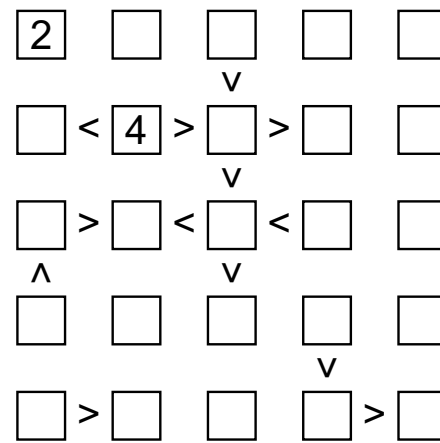
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Find the missing words by following the **RHYME**, **LETTERS** and **MEANING** links – eg, a word that **rhymes** with 'cheek', has one **letter** different from 'pear' and has the same **meaning** as mountain, would be 'peak'. Full rules at zygolex.com.
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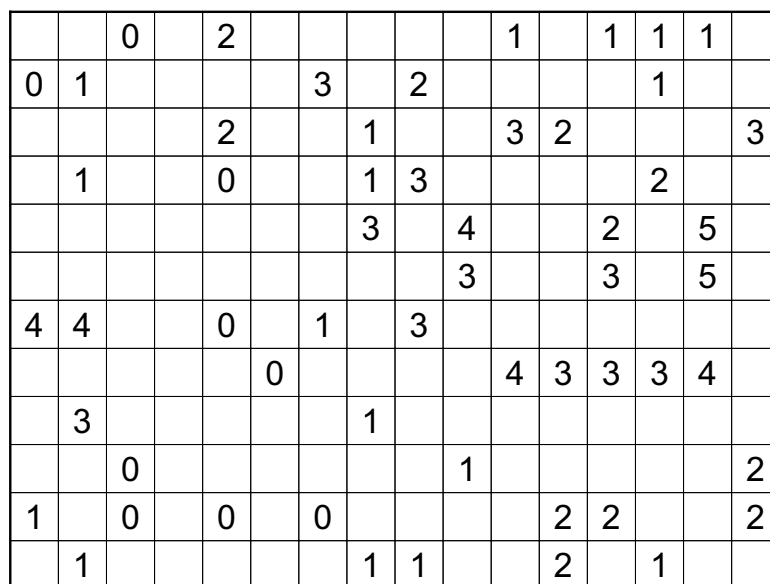
Futoshiki

How to play Place the numbers from 1-5 exactly once in each row and column. The greater than and less than signs ('>' and '<') indicate where one cell is greater/less than the adjacent cell indicated.



Minesweeper

How to play Find all the mines in the grid. Numbers in certain squares indicate how many mines there are in the neighbouring squares, including diagonally touching squares. Mines cannot be placed in squares with numbers.



Number Square

How to play Fill the empty squares with numbers that will make the across and down calculations produce the results shown in the grey squares. Each numeral from 1 to 9 must only appear once. The calculations should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, rather than in strict mathematical order.

Easier

3	+		-	5	0
-		+		x	
	-		-		-15
+		-		-	
	-		x		-24
6		3		29	

Harder

	x		+		26
÷		-		-	
	x		-		-1
+		+		-	
	-		+	5	0
12		6		-10	

Codeword No 3362

How to play The numbers in the grid correspond to the letters of the alphabet. Solve the puzzle and fill in the letters in the key as you discover them. Three letters are provided to give you a start. The solution will be printed in tomorrow's paper, the solution to yesterday's codeword is on page 49.

6	8	24	11	17	6		18	8	10	3	4	1
17		8		26		21		17		24		17
22	10	15	8	24	13	23		12		4		24
10		23		16		8	23	23	3	10	17	8
9	13	8	7	13		13		10				4
17		17				25		16	8	24	2	1
		24		11	8	10	2	17		4		
3	10	4	20	1		18				10		11
17				12		5		11	10	19	7	17
14	24	8	8	24	25	13		23		7		14
10		10		3		4	23	23	20	23	7	13
25		4		24		1		16		13		17
18	8	17	24	9	1		16	5	24	9	17	8

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26													
							F																		
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z



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Word Ladder

How to play

Convert the word at the top of the ladder into the word at the bottom of it, using only the four rungs in between. On each rung, you must put a valid four-letter word that is identical to the word above it, apart from a one-letter change. There may be more than one way of achieving this.

HALF
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idoku Exclusive to i

How to play Each numeral from 1 to 9 must appear (once only) in the squares forming the red letter i.

						4	5	
			5		9	6	8	1
			3					9
							9	4
		9		7		3		
7	4							
5						4		
3	8	4	6		2			
	7	2						

Sudoku Harder

5	2	3				8		
				3	8			
9			4					6
3		5	2					9
	7						4	
8					4	7		3
7					6			8
			7	1				
		1				9	7	5

Tomorrow: Easier

ABC Logic

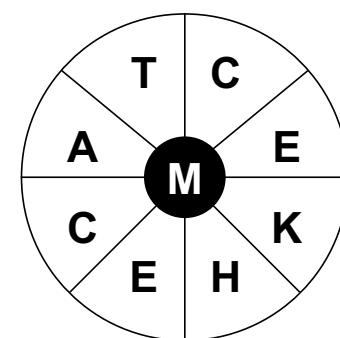
How to play

Place the letters A, B and C only once in each row and column. Each row and column has two blank cells. The letters at the edge of a row/column indicate which of the letters is the first/last to appear in that row/column.

	C	A	B	A	A	
C						
						C
C						A
A						C
A						B

Word Wheel

How to play This is an open-ended puzzle. How many words of three or more letters, each including the letter at the centre of the wheel, can you make from this diagram? We've found 23, including one nine-letter word. Can you do better?



Number Square, Word Ladder, Word Wheel, Kakuro, Minesweeper, ABC Logic, Killer Sudoku, Futoshiki, Codeword, Jigsawdoku and Wijuko created by Clarity Media.

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Concise Crossword No 3684

ACROSS

- Female swan (3)
- Soft lustrous fibre (4)
- Playing card (3)
- Terse (7)
- Freight (5)
- Dessert dish (5,7)
- Disease of parrots (11)
- Clothing item (6,6)
- Pending (2,3)
- Spanish bar (7)
- Colourant (3)
- Drama (4)
- Obtain (3)

DOWN

- Royal residence (6)
- Core (7)
- Scorch (5)
- Half-hearted (13)
- Concur (5)
- Public school (4)
- Book size (6)
- Soup dish (6)
- Suspicion (7)
- Channel (6)
- First-rate (5)
- Irritate (5)
- Precious metal (4)



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1		2		3		4			5		6
							7				
8								9			
10											
	11			12						13	
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21						22				23	

Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword

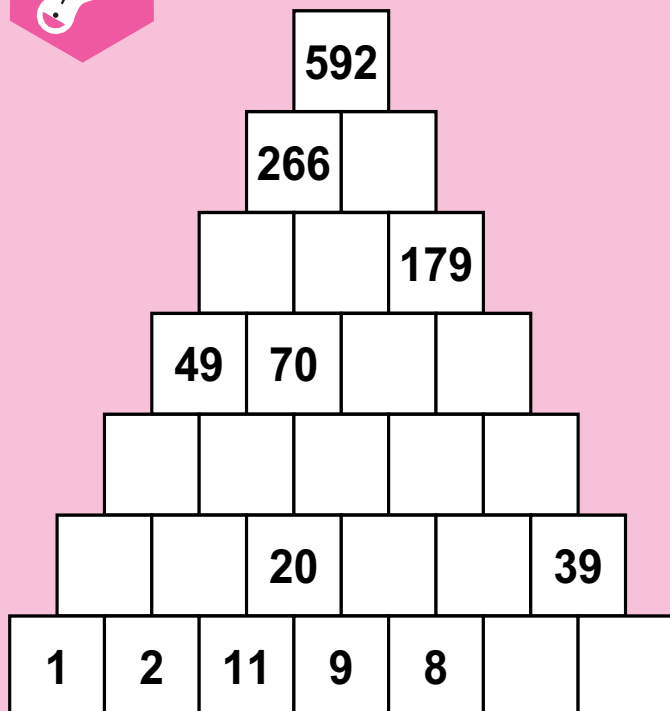
ACROSS 1 Nock, 3 Need (Knock-kneed), 7 Supplant, 8 Crab, 9 Density, 11 Alter, 13 Narrate, 16 Tough, 17 Tantrum, 19 Fang, 20 Rhetoric, 22 Less, 23 Nest.
DOWN 1 Nausea, 2 Cup, 3 Nits, 4 Excellent, 5 Pastern, 6 Gavel, 10 Synagogue, 12 Cadaver, 14 Vocal, 15 Quaint, 18 Arts, 21 One

Today's other puzzles Cryptic Crossword, page 31
Five-Clue Cryptic, page 19; One-Minute Wijuko, page 35
Puzzle solutions See page 49

Children's Corner Number Tower



How to play The value of each square in the number pyramid is the sum of the two squares directly under it.



Knight's Tour

How to play A chess knight visits each square of the grid exactly once, starting at 1 and ending at 100 (these squares are shaded). Deduce the whole path of the knight - some of which is already given - and thus complete the grid. The knight moves either two squares horizontally followed by one square vertically, or two squares vertically followed by one square horizontally.

14				16		30	27		
19	24		82			1		31	
80								66	
	20		90		86	77	72		
	89	22	85		99	74		4	67
			100		96		76		62
42	11	92	47			94			
	50	43	52		60	69	36		
10		48	59		39	54			
						7		35	56

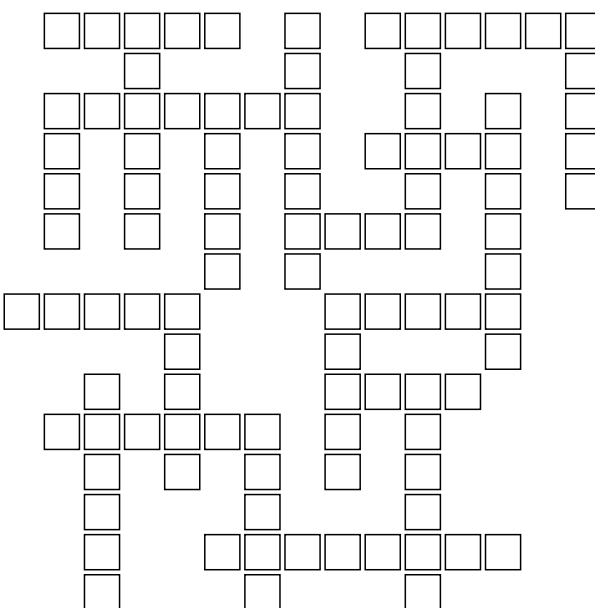
Rectangles

How to play Divide the grid into a series of rectangles or squares, such that every cell in the grid is in exactly one region. Numbers indicate the size of each region: for instance a "7" in a cell means that cell is part of a region that contains seven cells in total. There is only one number in each region.

				10	4				
4									
							4		
			12			8		4	
								5	
4					5				
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Word Fit

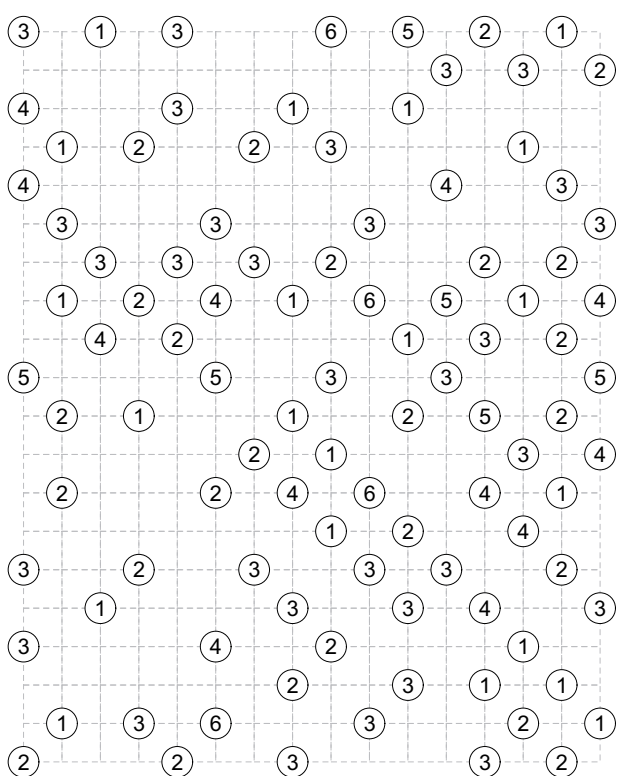
How to play Can you fit all the words into the grid to complete the puzzle? Some words may initially fit in more than one place, but there is only one way to fit all the words together to complete the grid.



- 4 letters**
Nave
Note
Sort
Wife
- 5 letters**
Boats
Bowtie
Cured
Grids
Habit
Miller
Sours
Splay
- 6 letters**
Aerate
Brooms
Forger
Preach
Racing
Rained
- 7 letters**
Eeriest
Jasmine
Stigmas
- 8 letters**
Pitchers

Bridges

How to play Connect every island (represented by circles) into a single interconnected group. To do this draw bridges between islands. The number in each circle states how many bridges must be connected to that island. Bridges cannot cross each other, can only be drawn horizontally or vertically, and there can be a maximum of two bridges between any pair of islands.



Word Search

How to play The classic word-search puzzle: find all the words in the grid. Words may be hidden horizontally, vertically or diagonally and in either a forwards or backwards direction.

M	L	S	Z	Y	W	N	T	U	N	H	G	U	O	D
Z	P	A	N	I	N	I	G	K	U	H	V	A	L	R
H	D	R	F	R	I	E	D	C	H	I	C	K	E	N
A	B	A	B	E	K	M	H	O	T	D	O	G	Z	D
S	H	E	E	G	B	W	F	L	E	T	R	N	R	C
H	F	Q	H	R	E	O	O	T	A	U	A	N	Y	O
B	X	R	P	U	B	H	A	T	B	C	O	R	N	X
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- CHOW MEIN
- CURRY
- DOUGHNUT
- FRIED CHICKEN
- FRIED RICE
- GARLIC BREAD
- HAMBURGER
- HASH BROWNS
- HOT DOG
- KEBAB
- NACHOS
- NOODLES
- ONION RINGS
- PANINI
- PIZZA
- TACOS
- VEGGIE BURGER
- WAFFLES

Word Square

How to play Simply answer the clues alongside the grid, writing the answers in the respective rows. The solution must read the same horizontally in each row as it does vertically in each column.

- Mammal with antlers
- Fencing sword
- Snake-like fish (plural)
- Relax and do little

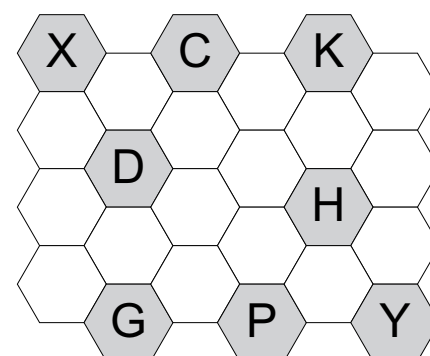
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How to play Place the numbers 1-6 once in each row and column, obeying sums in bold-lined regions. The number in each region indicates the total for the region, and the symbol shows which type of operation should be applied to the numbers: addition, subtraction, division or multiplication. Numbers may repeat within bold-lined regions. With subtraction always take the lower numbers away from the highest number in a region, and with division divide the highest number by the lower numbers.

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Hexalex

How to play Place each of the letters below once into the empty hexagons, crossing them off as you do so. Enter the letters in such a way that it is possible to find all the words listed alongside the grid by moving from hexagon to adjacent hexagon to spell out each word.



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- BUMP
- CRIED
- FEZ
- FOX
- GUM
- HIRED
- JILT
- TALK
- WHAT

A B E F I J L M N O R S T U W Z

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A cinematic genius who tore up the rule book

CULTURE

**Christina
Newland**

Switch off the projectors and dim the house lights: Jean-Luc Godard is dead. How else to grieve for one of the most important artists in the history of cinema – or maybe just one of the most important artists altogether?

The 91-year-old pioneer of the French New Wave chose to end his own life through legal assisted suicide in Switzerland; a tragic demise but one that was fittingly on his own terms.

In some way, it makes sense: no one ever could tell JLG what to do or how to do it. His wild approach became a benchmark of film school studies; he was an unmitigating, visionary genius of radical intent and a grouchy, often reclusive, knowingly provocative figure in dark glasses.

From his first – and still most famous – film in 1959, *À bout de souffle* (*Breathless*), Godard was a tireless innovator. Starring Jean Seberg and Jean-Paul Belmondo in some of the most ineffably cool partners-in-crime romance scenes ever committed to the screen, the movie became a sensation. It broke traditional rules of cinematic time and place, with its jump-cuts and



The director Jean-Luc Godard, who spearheaded the French New Wave of cinema, has died by assisted suicide at 91

its self-conscious, cerebral writing style.

In the 1960s and 70s, Godard would become only more radical, straining the very limits of motion picture sound and image, for ever shifting the ideological and visual goalposts. To cherry-pick from dozens: his work has spanned

everything from deliriously sexy heist films (1964's *Band of Outsiders*) and Maoist musicals (1967's *La Chinoise*) to four-plus-hour *découpage* documentary about the history of cinema (1988's *Histoire(s) du cinéma*) and communist road movies (1976's *Weekend*, which begins with a wordless, seven-

minute tracking shot over a traffic jam).

When I was a teenager in the early Noughties and watching Godard's films for the first time, I was consistently amazed by them. As a burgeoning film buff, each one of them felt like a new revelation, a true expansion of what the art

Godard never stopped playfully interrogating the artform and his own work

form could be capable of. His work remained a constant for me, coming full-circle when I first saw a new film of his on the big screen: his remarkable, obtuse *Goodbye to Language 3D*, in which the ever-radical film-maker used the latest technology to offer an avant-garde treatise on the environment, the death of cinema and the gap between meaning, image and language.

Godard never stopped playfully interrogating the artform, his own work and the world; he was a true artist in every sense. His loss is a dagger in the heart of any self-respecting cinema lover.

The phrase “end of an era” is thrown around often, but I can only describe the monumental sadness of it as a sort-of Buddy Holly “the day the music died” moment: earth-shattering.

So here's to a life lived on its own terms and a body of work that proves it, from his crashing the barriers during the Paris riots in May 1968 to reinventing the visual grammar of modern film. *Vive le cinéma!* – and long may Godard remain its master manipulator and presiding king, its naughty schoolboy and its saving grace.

Christina Newland is **i's** lead film critic

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ACROSS

- 9 God associated with a poor Indian city (9)
- 10 Fuss about North American tree (5)
- 11 Engineer let rain into bog (7)
- 12 Popular feeling expressed as anger (7)
- 13 Sell fine piece of wood (4)
- 14 Cast get far developing theatrical skills (10)
- 15 Broadcast end of 'open sesame' as a group (2,5)
- 17 Enormous heads of neoclassical icons found during attic conversion (7)
- 19 Noteworthy setter's given gift-wrapped volume (10)
- 22 Brilliant time to leave foundation (4)
- 23 European part of puzzle about old German literary work (7)
- 24 Rabbi visiting Italy stirred oil into dish (7)

- 26 Teething ring for child originally at an early stage of development (5)

- 27 Dish given to cold English male cooked in stages (9)

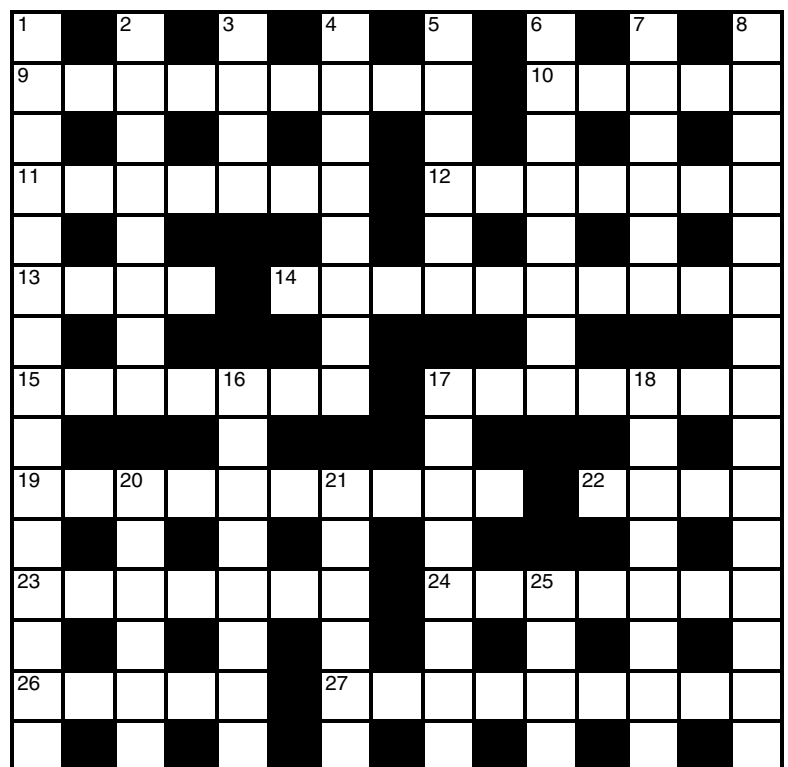
DOWN

- 1 Hot and cold ale is free to distribute round new place for students (4,2,9)
- 2 Philosopher welcoming foot soldiers in part of station (8)
- 3 Host losing end of cracker in drink (4)
- 4 Sailor posted to Eastern Europe is a missing person (8)
- 5 Fish making slow progress (6)
- 6 Reduction set to include staple source of cereal (5,3)
- 7 Country artist covering washed-out base of wood (6)
- 8 Understanding hospital departments provided tablet and drink at end of procedure (7,8)

- 16 Mistress finally leaving terrible control freak (8)
- 17 Publican upended vessel over bird at end of bar (8)
- 18 Changed ringtone element (8)
- 20 New leader of Labour party is insignificant (6)
- 21 Travel guide tucked into kosher paella (6)
- 25 Struggle with appearance (4)

Solution to yesterday's Cryptic

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Your View

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Meeting Queen was lovely

In 1966, I went for a picnic in Windsor Great Park with my girlfriend, Deborah. We noticed a slightly battered Land Rover. The driver's door opened and a lady dressed in a tweed jacket and tartan skirt got out.

She opened the tailgate and several corgis jumped out. Then she noticed us.

Deborah (now my wife of 54 years) curtsied. I bowed. The Queen told us not to bother with all that and spoke to us for about 15 minutes. She was really interested in our plans. She had no security staff, bodyguards or police with her. It wouldn't have happened today.
DAVID BOWLES
KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVON

In the mid 1960s my parents ran a pub on the East Lancashire Road near St Helens, before the M62 was built. The police closed the road one evening for the Queen to travel along it.

My friend Susan and I stood at the kerbside to see if we could spot her. A limousine appeared and when it saw us, slowed down, and the Queen waved. It was lovely that she took the trouble for just two of us.

JANICE BOLDEN
SOWERBY, THIRSK

A case for a republic

The general message across the media seems to be "even those few weird republicans are mourning for the Queen because everyone loved her". I am disappointed by this. I neither knew

nor loved the Queen. Nor did I hate her. She was simply opaque.

What we do know is that she held an unelected position of considerable influence and power which has been passed on to Charles Windsor and his heirs without change or debate. The 20 to 30 per cent of republicans amongst our population have been denied a voice.

QUENTIN DEAKIN
TYWYN, GWYNEDD

British republicans like myself are caught in a dilemma. The monarchy uses personal events to further its power and popularity. In this way any criticism we level at them at those times is deemed to be "disrespectful". However, if we criticise the Royal Family during any other period, the political commentariat always find something more "important" to discuss.

Giving a family space to grieve is one thing. However, the hard truth is that the mourning period is being used as cover for the accession of a new monarch – and one with a history of political interference at that.

ZAC BARKER
BRISTOL

We have right to peaceful protest

It was rather concerning to note that the policing of anti-monarchist protests at events to mark the late Queen's passing.

The right for people to peacefully express their views is fundamental to any democracy.

Such protests are not something that



The Queen and her corgis in Windsor Great Park in the Sixties ANWAR HUSSEINI/GETTY

any citizens should be arrested for.

ALEX ORR
EDINBURGH

There's a time and a place...

Free-speech campaigners are concerned at anti-monarchy protesters being arrested. Have they not heard of the word decency? The nation is mourning the death of the Queen. There is a time and place for protest.

RON WRIGHT
FERRY HILL,
COUNTY DURHAM

Protesting about the monarchy 365 days of the year is one thing, and in Britain protesters are free to do it.

However, protesting against the monarchy just days after the death of a king or queen – and while standing among assembled crowds of mourners – is an

exercise in distasteful, self-congratulatory attention-seeking.
STEFAN BADHAM
PORTSMOUTH

Racism is still a problem

I hope that Micha Frazer-Carroll (**i**, 13 September) opened people's eyes to what has been a problem on UK streets for years. As a British woman, born here 56 years ago, of Asian extraction, I still feel nervous for myself and for my children.

I have a policy of standing near a youth being stopped and searched. Escalation

often doesn't happen if there are witnesses.

ROSHI SAUL
OXFORD

Work is not be all and end all

When I was made redundant, I waited for the collapse of my former company. It flourished. I told myself my departure had caused such a crisis that they were forced to reconsider their strategy. My ego remained intact. Miranda Green's piece on being indispensable (**i**, 13 September), however, gave me food for thought.

PETER PARKINS

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The push to perform 'above and beyond' the call of duty does not serve anyone

WORKPLACE

Sarah O'Connor



Employers have been trying to get inside their employees' heads for more than a century. In 1920, Whiting Williams, a former personnel director in a steel company, even went undercover as a labourer before penning a book called *What's on the Worker's Mind: by One Who Put on Overalls to Find Out*.

This year, a popular video on TikTok about "quiet quitting" has sent employee motivation experts into overdrive. According to Gallup, about half of Americans are "quiet quitters", which it defines as people who are "not going above and beyond at work and just meeting their job description". HR specialists and consultants have been quick to jump in with advice on how to fix the problem. An article in *Harvard Business Review* urged managers to ask themselves: "Is this a problem with my direct reports, or is this a problem with me and my leadership abilities?"

I don't think it's a problem at all. First, the Gallup survey data suggests this is neither new nor a trend. Just under a third of US workers were "engaged" and almost a fifth were "actively disengaged" in the second quarter of this year

(Gallup defines "quiet quitters" as the group which is neither). The proportions have wobbled a little over time but are completely in line with the average since 2000.

Second, I would suggest that if your staff turn up every day and do exactly what you ask of them, they aren't "quiet quitting", they're "working". Some people will always be driven by ambition, enjoyment, perfectionism or insecurity to do more than is asked of them, but if you expect everyone to do that, by definition it isn't "above and beyond" any more.

Indeed, companies which have built their business model on people constantly going "above and beyond" their job descriptions are on dangerous ground. Some of the rail disruption in the UK this summer was a case in point: operators like Avanti relied for years on staff voluntarily working extra shifts on their days off; when staff withdrew their goodwill, the service fell over.

Similarly, many companies in the video games industry have relied on "crunch" (a period of very long working hours) to meet deadlines. Some in the industry say this has evolved into a permanent "crunch culture". According to a survey by the International Game Developers Association in 2019, 42 per cent of developers said crunch time was expected at their workplace and only 8 per cent were paid for overtime.

Shaun Rutland, chief executive of games company Hutch, says there can be camaraderie in extreme hours when you're young, but it also damages people's health and relationships to the



Working extreme hours may have an adverse effect on long-term health
THOMAS M BARWICK/GETTY

ultimate detriment of the firm. He remembers having to work from 8am to 8pm for months as a youngster. "I was so grateful to get the job working in games, I was like: 'this is it, I'm going to do everything I can', [but] it made me so ill."

Nor is it productive to overwork people. A study by Erin Reed, a management professor at McMaster University in Canada, found managers could not tell the difference between those who

worked 80-hour weeks, and those who just pretended to.

Implicit in the corporate panic over "quiet quitting" is something deeper as well: the idea these people are "psychologically unattached" to their employers because their "engagement needs are not being fully met", as Gallup puts it. But this is mushy ground to wade into. What if someone loves their work, but not the organisation they do it for, or vice versa? What if "purpose"

How about mutual respect and clearly defined obligations?

matters for some people but not for others? What if some only do their job for money but they're still really good at it?

My advice to employers is to get out of employees' heads, stop worrying about whether they love you or not, and focus on their output. Are they doing a good job, or aren't they? That's not to say there is no point in asking workers how they feel. But if you must do "engagement" surveys, my experience of speaking to workers over more than a decade would suggest you only need to ask three questions. Do you think your work is harming your health? Do you have a decent line manager? And do you think you're paid fairly?

At its heart, the "quiet quitting" kerfuffle speaks to an unhealthy understanding of the relationship between companies and their staff. Employers don't need to cater to employees' every psychological need, and employees don't need to be passionate about their employers. How about a simple contractual relationship of mutual respect and clearly defined obligations? I'm going to call it "work for grown-ups". Now I just need to make a TikTok video about it.

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Mavis Nicholson was a great interviewer – and my friend

KELNER'S VIEW

Simon Kelner



We lost more than one queen last Thursday. At the age of 91, Mavis Nicholson, who reigned supreme as a TV interviewer for many years, died on the same day as our monarch, and both shared a legacy: to remind us how things used to be done.

In the case of Mavis (*inset*), it was in a much less exalted sphere, but the fact is that nowhere in the non-stop, multi-platform ecosystem

that is modern-day television can you find someone doing what she did so brilliantly and enduringly: the long-form interview that carefully and courteously teases out truths, secrets and honest recollections from its subject.

Don't take my word for it. Go on to YouTube and see for yourself. Watch her 1989 encounter with Elvis Costello, which the musician still ranks as his favourite interview, and marvel at the depth of the personal connection and the way Costello opens up to her. No easy jokes or stunts; just serious, grown-up conversation that helps you understand what makes Costello tick.

Her discussion with Elizabeth Taylor about the actress's addiction problems is handled with tact and humanity and, not least, genuine interest. From Liberace to David

Bowie, from Sophia Loren to Maya Angelou, from Rudolf Nureyev to Kenneth Williams, Mavis, who was on our screens regularly for two decades from the early 1970s, found a way to get some of the most famous and interesting personalities of the age to reveal themselves in a way hardly ever seen now.

It was partly the format. Since Michael Parkinson retired, the interview has been replaced by the chat show, an altogether different beast which relies on guests with something to promote and an anecdote or two to relate. It's not to say that those such as Graham Norton or Jonathan Ross aren't skilled practitioners, but there is very little attempt to discuss the human condition with their interviewees.

Mavis, however, didn't fake anything, in life or on television, and hers were authentic exchanges



Mavis found a way to get some of the most famous to reveal themselves

with people in the public eye who didn't have anything to sell but had a story to tell. The ease with which she approached her subjects was natural: in private, Mavis was much more interested in what you had to say than telling you what she thought. Nevertheless, her soft, mellifluous Welsh tones belied a steely resolve, an intolerance of all forms of inequality and a willingness to deliver admonishment when necessary.

I got to know her well, at first as the wife of one of my dearest work colleagues, Geoffrey Nicholson, who died in 1999. I would visit their remote converted farmhouse in the heartbreakingly beautiful Tanat

valley in Powys as often as I could, and Mavis became a confidante, counsellor and close friend. She was godmother to my daughter, but, in the unfortunate way of the world, we lost touch over the past decade or so, during which she suffered ill health.

Her death, and our accidental estrangement, has given me pause for reflection. As one gets older and life becomes more complicated, it's sometimes difficult to maintain a connection with someone who may, at one time, have been very important in your life. It's happened to me more than once recently. Death has intervened before I could re-establish contact with a lost friend, and it makes the melancholy of their departure more intense.

I take it as a lesson, one which the nation is also digesting. Recent events have prompted us all, individually and collectively, to confront loss at the moment. All I know is that it is less painful to do so when you have no regrets.

SOCIETY

Experts find best way to get a baby swiftly to sleep

By Nilima Marshall

Scientists believe they have identified the best way to calm down a crying baby and get them to sleep in their cot in just 13 minutes.

It involves walking around for five minutes while carrying the infant, making sure to minimise abrupt movements, followed by around eight minutes of sitting while holding the baby before finally laying them down in the cot for sleep.

The researchers said their findings, published in the journal *Current Biology*, offer an “immediate solution for infant crying”, unlike other popular sleep training methods – such as letting babies cry until they fall asleep themselves.

Dr Kumi Kuroda, of the RIKEN Centre for Brain Science in Japan

and one of the authors on the paper, said: “Many parents suffer from babies’ night-time crying.

“That’s such a big issue, especially for inexperienced parents, that can lead to parental stress and even to infant maltreatment in a small number of cases.”

The research involved a series of sleep-based experiments with 21 infants aged between nought and seven months and their mothers.

They tested four different approaches to soothe crying infants – being held by their walking mothers, held by their sitting mothers, lying in a still cot, or lying in a rocking cot.

The team found that when the mother walked while carrying the baby, they calmed down fairly quickly and their heart rates slowed within 30 seconds.

A calming effect was also seen when infants were placed in rocking cots, but not when the mother held the baby while sitting or placed the baby in a still cot.

The researchers say that these findings appear to contradict “the



Scientists claim to have found an ‘immediate solution’ for infant crying

traditional assumption that maternal holding reduces infant distress”.

However, when the mothers tried to put their sleepy babies to bed after short walks, a third of them became alert again within 20 seconds.

The team then found that if the babies were asleep for a longer period – for at least eight minutes or so – be-

fore being laid down, they were less likely to awaken during the process.

This, according to the researchers, suggests that sleeping babies can rest better in a bed than in their mothers’ arms.

Dr Kuroda said: “Even as a mother of four, I was very surprised to see the result.”

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The number of minutes babies got to sleep after a method involving being held by a parent

i Researchers said that while the experiment involved only mothers, the effects are likely to be similar in the case of any caregiver.

CULTURE

Not Bard work if you can get it: Shakespeare used co-writers

By Nina Massey

Up to a third of William Shakespeare’s plays may have been co-written by another author, analysis of the writing suggests.

Experts have long suspected the playwright collaborated on a number of projects and new methods

are shedding light on how much this might have been the case.

Plays such as *Titus Andronicus* and *Pericles* may have been co-written by George Peele and George Wilkins, respectively, the data reveal. Others may have been started by other authors and finished by Shakespeare.

For example, according to the

analysis, some of the earlier scenes of *Henry VI, Part 2* were probably begun by Christopher Marlowe.

Measure For Measure was adapted by Thomas Middleton after Shakespeare’s death, as was *Macbeth*, but there is no original unadapted version for the latter.

Speaking at the British Science

Festival in Leicester, Professor Gabriel Egan, from De Montfort University, said his analysis suggested that Shakespeare may have written a lot more than was previously thought, but some of what was thought to have been written by him was not.

He said Shakespeare had a hand in 43 plays and 14 were co-authored.



Margaret Ferrier ‘ignored’ Covid advice by travelling with the virus

Another View

Adam Corlett



Energy cap is no long-term solution

Liz Truss’s huge Energy Price Guarantee policy – which effectively caps typical households’ energy bills at £2,500 for the next two years – is essentially a blank

cheque given the high levels of uncertainty about future gas prices.

But Resolution Foundation analysis suggests that it could cost around £60bn over the next six months, rising to around £120bn over the next two years. Add in support for business, and this could easily surpass the £137bn spent bailing out the banks at the heights of the financial crisis – although it will be a couple of years until we know the actual final price tag.

Once you factor in the £30bn of support announced by the last chancellor, the Government is providing, on average, £2,200 worth of cost of living support to every household this year.

That’s enough to prevent a broad living standards catastrophe, but it won’t stop this winter from feeling very tough.

It’s also important to remember



Next year could be tougher as a lot of Government support will run out

that this cost of living crisis could feel even tougher for many families next year, as much of the Government support will run out (even if benefits are increased next April to keep pace with prices).

The £400 energy bills discount will expire, and vulnerable households will not get another

There are fairer ways to fund social care provision

round of £650 lump-sum payments to help with their energy bills.

Instead, support will be geared towards richer families, who stand to benefit most from the cut to national insurance contributions that the Government is expected to announce in the coming weeks.

As a result, rich households stand to receive twice as much cost of living support as poorer households. Support for the richest tenth of households will – at £4,700 in 2023-24 – far exceed the level of support for the poorest tenth of households (£2,200) despite

the latter being most exposed to high energy bills. That’s no way to tackle the squeeze on incomes that households will be facing over the next two years.

The Energy Price Guarantee is broadly the right response to the cost of living crisis. And there are fairer ways than national insurance to fund social care provision – higher taxes on assets held by all generations would be better than raising taxes on workers alone.

But the uncapped nature of both policies, and the refusal to countenance further windfall taxes on energy providers or solidarity taxes on richer households, means the Government is giving away an awful lot to people who don’t need it.

Adam Corlett is the principal economist at the Resolution Foundation think tank

AUSTRALIA

Pet kangaroo shot after killing elderly owner

By Kieron Monks

A 77-year-old man has died in what is reportedly the first fatal attack by a kangaroo for more than 80 years.

Peter Eades was discovered by a relative at his home in Redmond, Western Australia. Emergency responders were prevented from reaching the victim by the animal, which was then shot by police.

"The kangaroo was posing an

ongoing threat to emergency responders and the attending officers were required to euthanise the kangaroo by firearm," said a spokesman for Western Australia Police.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. The kangaroo is believed to have been his pet.

Mr Eades, an alpaca breeder, was



described as an animal lover. "His life has revolved around them for as long as I've known him," Australian Alpaca Association president Brett Fallon told Channel Nine News. "[It's] dreadful to hear someone so compassionate for animals would lose his life this way."

Permits are required to keep

kangaroos as pets. Police have not confirmed whether the victim had possessed one.

Western Australia is home to the Western Grey Kangaroo (*inset*), which can be over seven feet tall and weigh more than 150lb (70kg).

The last known death resulting from a kangaroo attack was in 1936, when William Cruickshank of New South Wales was killed while he was defending his two pet dogs. Mr

Cruickshank had head injuries and a broken jaw, according to the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

Non-fatal attacks are more common. In July, a 67-year-old woman suffered a broken leg after an attack in Queensland. In April, a 69-year-old woman was kicked repeatedly on a golf course in the same state. In March, a three-year-old received facial lacerations from a kangaroo in New South Wales.

THAILAND

Protester given two years in jail after royal insult

By Tassanee Vejpongsa

A court in Thailand sentenced an activist to two years in prison for allegedly insulting the country's queen by wearing traditional Thai attire at a demonstration for reform of the monarchy two years ago, a legal aid group said.

Jatuporn "New" Saeoueng wore a pink dress while a fellow protester held an umbrella over her as she walked down a red carpet at a mock fashion show held in Bangkok on 29 October, 2020 (*inset*). The rally was billed as a counterpoint to a fashion show being held by Princess Sirivannavari Nariratana, a daughter of King Maha Vajiralongkorn.

The king's wife, Suthida, wears elegant silk fashions for formal occasions. Members of the royal family have attendants often holding ceremonial umbrellas over them on such occasions.

Bangkok's Criminal Court initially sentenced Jatuporn to three years in prison for violating the lèse-majesté law that makes defaming the monarch or his immediate family punishable by a prison term of three to 15 years.

The sentence was swiftly reduced to two years.



'Swan Lake' becomes a river dance

The Berlin State Ballet performs its 'From Berlin with Love' programme on a boat travelling along the Spree river through the German capital. Kicking off the ballet's season, the

event included excerpts from 'Swan Lake' and other productions.

The tour takes the company through as many neighbourhoods as possible at slow speed to show off several pieces.

It was held as the city's Kultursommerfestival - which has celebrated the arts through 90 events over the summer - comes to a close. FABRIZIO BENSCH/REUTERS

UNITED STATES

Ancient coin returned to Israel

By Conrad Smith

American authorities have returned a rare, 2,000-year-old Jewish coin to Israel nearly two decades after it was looted, smuggled and put up for auction in the United States, Israel's antiquities authority has announced.

The quarter shekel silver coin (*inset*), made in 69AD, is one of just two confirmed to exist. The



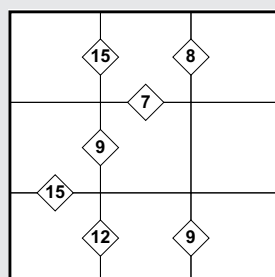
other has been in the British Museum's collection for a century.

It was minted during the fourth year of the First Jewish Revolt against the Roman Empire.

Other types of coins struck by Jewish rebels are more common, but this denomination of small silver coinage is "super-rare", said Eitan Klein of the Israel Antiquities Authority's theft prevention unit.

One-minute Wjuko

How to play Place 1 - 9 once in the grid, obeying the sums between pairs of squares



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ARMENIA

Azerbaijan attack kills at least 49

By Avet Demourian

Azerbaijani forces shelled Armenia's territory yesterday in a large-scale attack that killed at least 49 Armenian soldiers and fuelled fears of wider hostilities.

Azerbaijan and Armenia have been locked in a decades-old conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh, which is part of Azerbaijan but has been under the control of ethnic Armenian forces backed by Armenia since a separatist war

there ended in 1994. Azerbaijan reclaimed broad swaths of Nagorno-Karabakh in a six-week war in 2020 that killed more than 6,600 people and ended with a Russia-brokered peace deal.

Moscow, which deployed about 2,000 troops as peacekeepers under the deal, moved quickly to broker a ceasefire yesterday.

The hostilities had erupted just after midnight, with an artillery barrage and drone attacks, Armenian officials said. AP



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Panorama

Around the world in 10 stories



NORTH KOREA

Posters display nuclear missiles

North Korea has released new propaganda posters featuring its nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles, state media reported, after the country codified its nuclear policy in law.

Two posters featuring the missiles were among those released to encourage North Koreans to implement goals outlined by leader Kim Jong-un, state news agency KCNA reported.

Mr Kim says his country's nuclear status is "irreversible" and prohibits talks on denuclearisation.

AUSTRALIA

Third La Niña in a row on its way

Much of Australia will face unusually heavy rains in coming months, the country's weather forecaster said, after confirming that a La Niña weather event is under way for the third year in a row.

The Bureau of Meteorology firmed up its guidance for this year for the weather pattern known in Australia to produce wet, windy summers, saying it was now under way after it previously had forecast a high chance.

The warning puts the country's east coast on alert when many residents are still rebuilding after floods linked to the most recent La Niña, which ran into early 2022. REUTERS

NEW ZEALAND

Church is failing abuse victims, say survivors

By Praveen Menon
IN SYDNEY

A New Zealand group representing survivors of child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church has called on Pope Francis to intervene in the redress process, claiming

that church authorities were mishandling it and retraumatising victims.

In a letter sent to the Vatican, the New Zealand chapter of Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (Snap), a global organisation for child abuse victims, accused church officials in New Zealand of breaching procedures for managing abuse complaint cases.

"Most sadly, we are being harmed by the very Church office set up to provide healing," the letter stated.

Postcard From... Tordesillas

Hundreds of people took part in a centuries-old Spanish bull-chasing festival, but under orders once again that the animal should not be harmed with spears or darts.

Traditionally, during the Toro de la Vega (The Bull in the Meadow) festival in the northern town of Tordesillas, a bull was speared to death by revellers who chased it to outlying fields on horseback or on foot in front of thousands of onlookers, in what was one of Spain's goriest spectacles.

Organisers say the tradition dates from the 14th century. Animal rights protests led

to changes. In 2016, it was prohibited to kill the bull during the festival – although putting the animal to death out of the public eye afterwards was permitted.

In that first year, there were scuffles between animal rights activists and locals who have long accused outsiders of meddling in an event they say is part of their culture.

After a two-year hiatus because of the coronavirus pandemic, the town tried to allow darts to be thrown at the bull this year but the government and animal rights groups intervened.

The festival was held with greatly reduced crowds. There were no scuffles and the bull was discreetly killed after the event – and its flesh sold as prime beef. AP

Manuel Fernandez

KENYA

'Village boy' Ruto is finally sworn in as new president

By George Obulutsa
and Ayanat Mersie
IN NAIROBI

William Ruto was sworn in as Kenya's fifth president yesterday, a week after the Supreme Court rejected a challenge by his defeated opponent in a close-fought election that he won by portraying himself as an underdog "hustler" battling the elite.

"A village boy has become the president of Kenya," Mr Ruto announced at the ceremony, as the crowd erupted in cheers.

Deputy president for the last decade, Mr Ruto must now confront an economic crisis in East Africa's



William Ruto with Kenya's Supreme Court Chief Justice, Martha Koome

wealthiest and most stable nation, where food and fuel prices are surging, unemployment is high and public debt rising.

The 55-year-old won last month's election despite a public repudiation by his boss, outgoing president Uhuru Kenyatta, who said Mr Ruto was "not fit for office".

Both sides hurled accusations of corruption during a deeply personal, acrimonious campaign.

Kenyatta's preferred successor, veteran opposition leader Raila Odinga, had accused Ruto of cheating his way to victory. But Odinga accepted the Supreme Court ruling upholding the result, laying to rest fears of political violence like that seen after disputed elections in 2007 and 2017.

"There should be no revenge," Bishop Mark Kariuki said.



Flying to visit his flock

Pope Francis greeting journalists on the papal plane as he began his three-day pastoral visit to Kazakhstan yesterday. He is in the majority-Muslim country to minister to its small Catholic community and take part in a conference. FILIPPI MONTEFORTE/AP

PAKISTAN

Flood relief efforts push ahead as more lives are lost

By Munir Ahmed
IN ISLAMABAD

Pakistan scrambled to deliver aid to those most in need yesterday as the death toll from floods rose further, with no respite in sight from the unprecedented monsoon rains.

The official death toll had reached 1,422 yesterday, with 31 people dying in rain-related incidents this week.

The rains started early – in mid-June – and have swept away villages, bridges and roads, leaving hundreds of thousands homeless.

At one point, a third of the country was inundated with water.

Experts said climate change had been blamed in large part for the deluge, the worst in recent memory.

Sherry Rehman, the minister for climate change, said rain was

predicted to continue lashing much of the country. Ms Rehman also expressed fears that rain would hamper rescue and relief operations in flood-hit areas, where 33 million people are affected.

It would take up to six months to drain flood-hit areas, officials said.

Waterborne diseases have sickened thousands and there are fears of mosquito-borne dengue fever. AP

THAILAND

Cheers to world's biggest Negroni

A hotel in the Thai capital has set a Guinness World Record by stirring up the world's largest Negroni cocktail, with more than 630 litres of the bitter drink.

Mixologists at the Kimpton Maa-Lai Bangkok Hotel poured dozens of bottles of the key ingredients – gin, vermouth and Campari – into an iced acrylic container 1.7 metres tall.

The previous record was 504 litres. REUTERS

UNITED STATES

California hit by mudslides

Thousands of people were under evacuation and shelter-in-place orders yesterday after heavy rains unleashed mudslides in a mountain area east of Los Angeles, hit by forest fires two years ago, sending boulders and other debris across roads.

Firefighters checked on residents in Forest Falls, San Bernardino County, on Monday night.

A spokesman said no one needed to be rescued and no residents were reported missing. AP

EGYPT

President seeks Qatari support

The Egyptian President, Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, began a two-day visit to Qatar yesterday, his first since Cairo and Doha restored relations last year following a regional diplomatic rift.

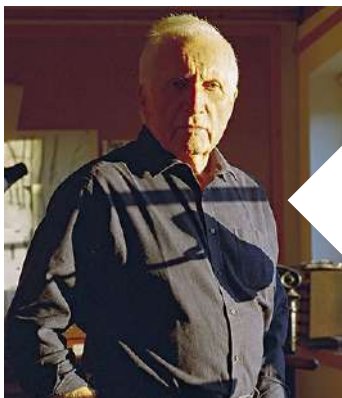
Egypt is seeking financial support to cushion an economic shock caused by war in Ukraine.

Mr Sisi is due to discuss a range of issues with Qatar's ruler, Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani.

Television Wednesday 14 September

CRITIC'S CHOICE

GERARD GILBERT



PICK OF THE DAY

Days That Shook The BBC With David Dimbleby 9pm, BBC Two

David Dimbleby (left) concludes his series by exploring the BBC's relationship with the public and how the broadcaster can seek to serve its entire audience. That audience includes that part of the population which was fully behind the Falklands War as the BBC struggled to remain objective – Peter Snow recalling being branded a “traitor”. Meanwhile, Dimbleby recalls the furore over inviting the BNP's Nick Griffin on to the Question Time panel, and there's a reminder of the “Sachsgate” scandal involving Radio 2 presenters Russell Brand and Jonathan Ross's obscene phone calls to the Fawlty Towers star Andrew Sachs.

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Grand Designs 9pm, Channel 4

Kevin McCloud meets Dorran, who has taken on the ambitious (it goes without saying) task of building a super-modern underground home on a hill outside Canterbury. He entrusts the work to a team of contractors, but when delays and rising costs force him to take charge of the build himself, Dorran decides to juggle his time between the site and his work as a ship's master out on the North Sea. Yes, you can see that might be tricky.

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Doc Martin 9pm, ITV

“They're basically locusts... a plague that descends, feeds and leaves,” a

policeman in Port Isaac, where Doc Martin is filmed, was quoted recently as describing owners of second homes in the Cornish fishing village. But the appealing fantasy sold by Doc Martin is of a bustling community of year-round locals. The surgery is certainly bustling, with both Martin and Louisa (Martin Clunes and Caroline Catz) now practising from it. Meanwhile, Bert's new business venture with Al doesn't make a good start, and PC Penhale suspects noise complaints are a result of paranormal activity.

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Brassic 9.45pm, Sky Max





Danny Brocklehurst and Joe Gilgun's saga of petty criminality in a small Lancashire town (a comedy-drama

pitched somewhere between Shane Meadows and Shameless) has been a big hit for Sky, and David Dimbleby's series about the BBC made me wonder whether it's the sort of show that the BBC either wouldn't or couldn't make. Anyway, this week Cardi (Tom Hanson) adopts a greyhound called Arson Fire and which he wants to rename Martin (“it sounds like a librarian,” says Vinnie). And then the dog appears with a severed human foot in its mouth...

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Our Friends In The North 10.10pm, BBC Four

After a brief introduction by Christopher Eccleston, a showing of the opening three episodes of Peter Flannery's state-of-the-nation drama following four friends from

	one	TWO	itv	4	5	BBC FOUR	FILM	itv2
Daytime	6.00 Breakfast (S). 10.00 BBC News Special (S). 12.00 BBC News At One; Weather (S). 12.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S). 1.00 Queen Elizabeth II: The Procession To Lying-in-State (S). 4.30 BBC News Special (S).	6.45 Countryfile Summer Diaries (S). 7.30 Antiques Road Trip (R) (S). 8.15 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World (R) (S). 9.15 Animal Park (R) (S). 10.00 Wanted Down Under (R) (S). 11.00 Homes Under The Hammer (R) (S). 12.00 Bargain Hunt (R) (S). 1.00 Best Bakes Ever (S). 1.45 Doctors (S). 2.15 Money For Nothing (S). 3.00 Escape To The Country (R) (S). 3.45 Garden Rescue (R) (S). 4.30 Antiques Road Trip (S). 5.15 Pointless (S).	6.00 Good Morning Britain (S). 9.00 Lorraine (S). 10.00 This Morning (S). 1.00 ITV News: Queen Elizabeth II – Lying-in-State (S).	6.10 Countdown (R) (S). 6.50 3rd Rock From The Sun (R) (S). 7.15 3rd Rock From The Sun (R) (S). 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S). 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S). 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S). 9.00 Frasier (R) (S). 9.30 Frasier (R) (S). 10.00 Frasier (R) (S). 10.30 Four In A Bed (R) (S). 11.00 The Great House Giveaway (R) (S). 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary (S). 12.30 Steph's Packed Lunch (S). 2.10 Countdown (S). 3.00 A Place In The Sun (R) (S). 4.00 Chateau DIY (S). 5.00 Moneybags (S).	6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S). 12.45 Holiday Homes In The Sun (S). 1.40 5 News At Lunchtime (S). 1.45 Home And Away (S). 2.15 FILM: My Husband's Secret Life (Philippe Gagnon 2018) Thriller, starring Kara Killmer (S). 4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun (R) (S). 5.00 5 News At 5 (S).	 Martin (Martin Clunes) and Louisa's surgery is in a state of chaos as they both work there 9pm, ITV	 Kevin McCloud visits a project in Canterbury 9pm, Channel 4	6.00 World's Funniest Videos (S). 6.25 World's Funniest Videos (S). 7.00 Love Bites (S). 8.00 Secret Crush (S). 9.00 Veronica Mars (S). 10.00 One Tree Hill (S). 11.00 Hart Of Dixie (S). 12.00 Supermarket Sweep (S). 1.00 Family Fortunes (S). 2.00 The Masked Singer US (S). 3.05 Veronica Mars (S). 4.00 One Tree Hill (S). 5.00 Hart Of Dixie (S).
6pm	6.00 BBC News At Six; Weather (S). 6.30 BBC Regional News; Weather (S).	6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (S). 6.30 Unbeatable (S).	6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S). 6.30 ITV News; Weather (S).	6.00 The Simpsons Homer becomes a food critic (R) (S). 6.30 Hollyoaks Sam confides in Lizzie (R) (S).	6.00 Cash In The Attic Helping people make money (S).	 Martin (Martin Clunes) and Louisa's surgery is in a state of chaos as they both work there 9pm, ITV	 Tom Hanson stars as Cardi in 'Brassic' 9.45pm, Sky Max	6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase With Larry Lamb, Sam Quek and Scarlett Moffatt (S).
7pm	7.00 HM The Queen: Events Of The Day (S).	7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip Dom Joly and Pauline McLynn are in Lancashire (R) (S).	7.30 Emmerdale Ethan tries to convince Naomi to do the right thing (S).	7.00 Channel 4 News (S).	7.00 The Highland Vet A seal is brought in to the large animal wing (R) (S). 7.55 5 News Update (S).	7.00 Wonders Of The Great Barrier Reef With Iolo Williams (S).	6.35 FILM: Sahara (Breck Eisner 2005) Adventure, with Matthew McConaughey (S).	7.00 Secret Crush Romeo tries to charm his way into Bobbie's reluctant heart (S).
8pm	8.30 EastEnders It's crunch time for Kat as Alfie tries to win her back (S).	8.00 Mary Berry – Cook & Share (S). 8.30 Nadiya's Everyday Baking (S).	8.00 Coronation Street Leanne walks in to hear Toyah confessing to Spider (S).	8.00 Changing Rooms Last in the series (S).	8.00 Traffic Cops (S).	8.00 South Pacific Efforts to preserve the region's marine life (S).		8.00 Bob's Burgers Bob secures a new meat provider (S). 8.30 Bob's Burgers (S).
9pm	9.00 Shetland Last in the series (S).	9.00 Days That Shook The BBC With David Dimbleby Last in the series (S).	9.00 Doc Martin The surgery is chaotic, with Martin and Louisa both now practising from it (S).	9.00 Grand Designs An underground home on a hill near Canterbury (S).	9.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts (S).	9.00 The Human Body: Secrets Of Your Life Revealed (S).	9.00 FILM: Indiana Jones And The Temple Of Doom (Steven Spielberg 1984) (S).	9.00 Gordon, Gino And Fred: American Road Trip The trio visit San Francisco (S).
10pm	10.00 BBC News At Ten (S).	10.00 QI With Ed Gamble, Lou Sanders and Sindhu Vee (R) (S). 10.30 Newsnight (S).	10.00 ITV News At Ten; Weather (S).	10.00 Football Dreams: The Academy The final episode focuses on the under-18s. Last in the series (S).	10.00 Ambulance: Code Red Critical care paramedic Fay Pollock is dispatched to a crash (R) (S).	10.00 Christopher Eccleston Remembers – Our Friends In The North (S). 10.10 Our Friends In The North (S).		10.00 Family Guy Peter takes up smoking (S). 10.30 Family Guy Brian passes on herpes to Stewie (S).
11pm	11.00 BBC Regional News; Weather (S). 11.05 Elizabeth: Her Passions & Pastimes (S).	11.15 The Boys From Brazil: Rise Of The Bolsonaros (R) (S).	11.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S). 11.10 The Young Elizabeth (R) (S).	11.05 The Great Elizabeth pronounces that Catherine's baby will be born in five days (S).	11.05 A&E After Dark A 70-year-old man arrives with a dangerously high heart rate (R) (S).	11.20 Our Friends In The North Geordie lands a job with a porn baron (S).	11.20 FILM: Sicario (Denis Villeneuve 2015) Crime drama, starring Emily Blunt (S).	11.00 Family Guy (S). 11.30 American Dad! (S). 11.55 American Dad! (S).
Late	12.05 BBC News (S).	12.15 Sign Zone: Ambulance (R) (S). 1.15 Sign Zone: All That Glitters: Britain's Next Jewellery Star (R) (S). 2.20 This Is BBC Two (S).	12.10 English Football League Highlights (R) (S). 1.30 Shop: Ideal World 3.00 For The Love Of Britain (R) (S). 3.25 Unwind With ITV (S). 4.40 The Masked Dancer (R) (S).	12.20 Inside The Superbrands: Typhoo (R) (S). 1.15 Rosie Jones' Trip Hazard (R) (S). 2.10 Her Majesty the Queen (R) (S). 3.05 Car 5.0.5 (R) (S). 3.55 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (R) (S).	12.05 999: Criminals Caught On Camera (R) (S). 1.00 Police: Night Shift 999 (R) (S). 2.00 World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys (R) (S). 3.00 Britain's Favourite Cleaning Product (R) (S).	12.25 Our Friends In The North (S). 1.35 Wonders Of The Great Barrier Reef With Iolo Williams (S). 2.35 The Human Body: Secrets Of Your Life Revealed (S). 3.35 Close	1.40 FILM: Searching (Aneesh Chaganty 2018) Thriller, starring John Cho (S). 3.50 Close	12.25 Bob's Burgers (S). 12.55 Bob's Burgers (S). 1.25 Shopping With Keith Lemon (S). 1.55 Iain Stirling's CelebAbility (S). 2.40 Unwind With ITV (S). 3.00 Teleshopping

Newcastle from the 1960s to the 1990s. The terrific ensemble cast includes Ecclestone as Nicky, an idealist turned angry activist, Mark Strong as proto-Thatcherite family man Tosker and future Bond star Daniel Craig in his breakthrough role.

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The Great
11.05pm, Channel 4
As if *The Great* couldn't get any greater, we now have Gillian Anderson as empress Catherine's acid-tongued mother, Joanna, her tart put-downs making Maggie Smith's *Downton Abbey* character Violet Crawley seem like a pussycat in comparison. This week, Joanna draws up a list of everyone her daughter should kill – and just about everyone is on it.

FILM CHOICE

LAURENCE PHELAN



FILM OF THE DAY
Sicario
11.20pm, Film4
(Denis Villeneuve, 2015)
Emily Blunt (*left*) plays an FBI agent who gets seconded to a CIA operation to bring down a Mexican drug cartel – a job whose terms and objectives are largely withheld from her. It's a confusing, bleak, deeply cynical world that she and the viewer are plunged into, but there is no overt editorialising here. Just commanding, edge-of-the-seat film-making and a powerful sense that this really is how damaging and dirty the war on drugs has become: a downward spiral with no end in sight and no good guys on either side. Josh Brolin and Benicio del Toro co-star as the faces of extrajudicial mayhem.

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Indiana Jones And The Temple Of Doom
9pm, Film4
(Steven Spielberg, 1984)
A charismatic archaeologist-adventurer rescues children enslaved by an evil cult in a sequel even more knowing, ambitious and relentlessly paced than *Raiders Of The Lost Ark*.

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Batman Begins
10.10pm, Sky Cinema Megahits
(Christopher Nolan, 2005)
An account of the caped crusader's origins in the psyche of troubled orphan billionaire Bruce Wayne (Christian Bale), Christopher Nolan's noir-ish superhero movie has a heightened realism and three-dimensional characters.

ON DEMAND

Heartbreak High
Netflix
A reboot of the 1990s Australian school drama.

Katie Price: Trauma & Me
All4
The troubled personality discusses her PTSD.

Minx
Paramount+
Ophelia Lovibond plays the feminist editor of the first erotic magazine for women in 1970s Los Angeles.

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Classical breakfast show, presented by Petroc Trelawny. 9.00 Essential Classics. A selection of music and features. 12noon Composer Of The Week: Bruckner. The developing relationship between Bruckner and Richard Wagner. 1.00 Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Violinist Viktoria Mullova performs works by Schubert, Pärt and Takemitsu. 2.00 Afternoon Concert. Including the Zurich Chamber Orchestra at the Gstaad Menuhin Festival. 4.00 Choral Evensong. From St Martin-in-the-Fields. 5.00 In Tune. Music and arts news. 7.30 Radio 3 In Concert. The Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra at the Edinburgh International Festival. 10.00 Free Thinking. Ian McEwan joins researchers to discuss UK Cold War fears. 10.45 The Essay: Sign Language Is My Language. Deepa Shastri explores how the arts and sign language go hand in hand. 11.00 Night Tracks. A soundtrack for late-night listening. 12.30am Through The Night. The Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra perform Debussy, Bartok and Falla.</div>	<div>BBC Radio 4 6am Today 9.00 More Or Less 9.30 One Dish 9.45 Book Of The Week: A Visible Man 10.00 Woman's Hour 11.00 Ugandan Asians: The Reckoning 11.30 Princess 12noon News 12.04 You And Yours 12.57 Weather 1.00 The World At One 1.45 The Boy In The Woods 2.00 The Archers 2.15 TBA 4.00 Thinking Allowed 4.30 The Digital Human 5.00 PM 5.57 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Joe Lycett's Obsessions. Lloyd Griffith and June Sarpong share their secret obsessions. Last in the series. 7.00 The Archers. The fallout continues at Lower Loxley and Leonard offers a suggestion. 7.15 Front Row. Arts programme. 8.00 Bringing Up Britain. New series. How to climate change issues in an age-appropriate way with youngsters. 8.45 Four Thought. New series. A thought-provoking talk. 9.00 Costing The Earth. Ideas to work towards a greener planet. 9.30 The Media Show. The latest news from the fast-changing media world. 10.00 The World Tonight. News round-up, with James Coomarasamy. 10.45 Book At Bedtime: The Maid. By Nita Prose. 11.00 The Haunting. Tom feels like he has to try to stay ahead of the pack. 11.15 The Skewer. Jon Holmes twists current affairs clips into a surreal, satirical soundscape. 11.30 The Digital Human 12mdn't News And Weather 12.30 Book Of The Week</div> <div>BBC Radio 4 LW 9.45am Daily Service 12.01pm Shipping Forecast 5.54 Shipping Forecast</div> <div>BBC Radio 4 Extra 6am Paul Temple And The Jonathan Mystery 6.30 Agatha Raisin 7.00 Jake Yapp's Media Circus 7.30 Joe Lycett's Obsessions 8.00 Hancock's Half Hour 8.30 Flying The Flag 9.00 Booked 9.30 1835 10.00 Devonias 10.45 Short Works 11.00 The National Theatre With Daniel Rosenthal</div> <div><div><div>Pick of the day</div><div></div></div><div>Bringing Up Britain 8pm, BBC Radio 4 Anjula Mutanda (<i>above</i>) and her guests discuss how parents can best engage with their children about climate change issues in a way that is age-appropriate.</div></div> <div>12noon Hancock's Half Hour 12.30 Flying The Flag 1.00 Paul Temple And The Jonathan Mystery 1.30 Agatha Raisin 2.00 Adventures Of A Young Naturalist 2.15 Eleanor Rising 2.30 Shine Like Tokyo: Northern Soul Goes East! 3.00 Devonias 3.45 Short Works 4.00 Booked 4.30 1835 5.00 Jake Yapp's Media Circus 5.30 Joe Lycett's Obsessions 6.00 The Slide 6.30 Pioneers 7.00 Hancock's Half Hour 7.30 Flying The Flag 8.00 Paul Temple And The Jonathan Mystery 8.30 Agatha Raisin 9.00 The National Theatre With Daniel Rosenthal 10.00 Comedy Club: Joe Lycett's Obsessions 10.30 Comedy Club: Goodness Gracious Me 10.55 Comedy Club: The Comedy Club Interview 11.00 Comedy Club: What Does The K Stand For? 11.30 Comedy Club: Simon Evans Goes To Market 12mdn't The Slide 12.30 Pioneers 1.00 Paul Temple And The Jonathan Mystery 1.30 Agatha Raisin 2.00 Adventures Of A Young Naturalist 2.15 Eleanor Rising 2.30 Shine Like Tokyo: Northern Soul Goes East! 3.00 Devonias 3.45 Short Works 4.00 Booked 4.30 1835</div> <div>BBC 5 Live 6am 5 Live Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 11.00 Adrian Chiles 1pm Nihal Arthanayake 4.00 5 Live Drive 7.00 5 Live Sport 8.00 5 Live Sport 10.30 Colin Murray 1am Dotun Adebayo 5.00 Wake Up To Money</div> <div>BBC 6 Music 7.30am Lauren Laverne 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1pm Craig Charles 4.00 Steve Lamacq 7.00 Tom Robinson 9.00 Gideon Coe 12mdn't Freak Zone Playlist 1.00 The First Time With Graham Coxon</div> <div>Classic FM 6am More Music Breakfast 9.00 Alexander Armstrong 12noon Anne-Marie Minhall 4.00 John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics At Seven 10.00 Smooth Classics 1am Karthi Gnanasegaram</div> <div>Absolute Radio 6am Dave Berry 10.00 Leona Graham 1pm Ben Burrell 4.00 Bush And Richie 7.00 Danielle Perry 10.00 Jay Lawrence</div> <div>Heart 6.30am Heart Breakfast With Jamie Theakston And Amanda Holden 10.00 Pandora Christie 1pm Matt Wilkinson 4.00 JK And Kelly Brook 7.00 Heart's Feel Good Weekend With Dev Griffin 10.00 Fia Tarrant 1am Simon Beale 4.00 Early Breakfast With James Stewart</div> <div>TalkSPORT 6am TalkSPORT Breakfast With Laura Woods, Ally McCoist And Gabby Agbonlahor 10.00 Jim White And Simon Jordan 1pm Hawksbee And Jacobs 4.00 TalkSPORT Drive With Andy Goldstein And Darren Bent 7.00 Kick Off 10.00 Sports Bar 1am Extra Time</div>
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Life as the world's first female roadie

When **Tana Douglas** got a job with AC/DC in the 1970s, she had to learn how to cope as the only woman in the business

In January 1975, I got the news that AC/DC were booked for their biggest show yet: the Sunbury Pop Festival. Since 1972, it had been held on the Australia Day long weekend, which had become the three days of the year that Aussies spent watching bands while getting very drunk and rowdy, usually in the mud.

AC/DC was booked to play right before Deep Purple, who were down to close the show as the international headliner. Our plan was simple: to blow Purple off the stage and properly introduce all of Australia to AC/DC a few weeks before their debut record, *High Voltage*, went on sale.

Great plan, but not quite what happened. Sunbury was a bust. It was pretty much rained out, and attendance was down from 24,000 the previous year to 16,000. The weather was miserable and the crowd wasn't feeling the love. Word had got out to the Deep Purple camp about the mood of the audience and the fact the sky could open up at any time. To add to their problems, some local band was threatening to blow them off the stage – that would be us.

There have been many different accounts of what happened that day. From my point of view of being right in the thick of things, it went something like this. George Young, Angus and Malcolm's brother, was in town to play with the band for the Sunbury show, as they didn't want to take any chances by rushing to pick a bass player. I also think he was really looking forward to playing with his brothers to such a large crowd.

We arrived at the festival site some 60km outside of Melbourne and, apart from the mud, at first it looked like it could be fun. The band went backstage to the dressing-room area while I headed for the stage – I needed to get straight to work getting all our backline equipment ready for when I was called to set it up. But as soon as I started heading for the stage, I was stopped by security. He was a big guy,



Tana Douglas was a roadie for the rock band AC/DC (below), who fought with Deep Purple at Australia's Sunbury Pop Festival. MANFRED BECKER

and I guessed not all that happy with his position as he looked a bit grumpy.

"You can't come back here, little lady," he told me, condescendingly. "It's OK, I'm with the band," I naively replied. "Well then, you had better go find them, because you can't be here."

I realised he didn't believe me. "No, you don't understand, I'm AC/DC's roadie." "I won't tell you again!"

He folded his arms across his chest as he took a step towards me. Just then a loud voice from up on the stage called down to the security guy.

"No, mate, for real! She's their roadie, you have to let her up here."

I'd been saved by Scrooge, one of the crew guys. Only after his say-so was I allowed onstage – my word meant nothing. There were often

I hated the heckling but just got on with the job, pretending I couldn't hear any of it



these awkward moments when I'd have to convince someone that I really should be there, that this was in fact my job and I wasn't there to pick up musicians.

With that out of the way, my focus for the day was purely on the stage, the equipment and making sure we got a fair shot at performing. I checked the running order for the bands to know when we were meant to go on. Once the stage was cleared of equipment from the band before us, I started to set up our gear. The whole idea was to be quick, so the crowd didn't get any more restless.

"You ready, Tana?" asked the stage manager. "Yeah. Go ahead and mic it." No sooner had I said that than I was sent word to strike it, take it all down. Had I set it up too soon? Was there meant to be another band on before us? I was just told to strike it. I went looking for the boys to see what was happening. It turned out that Deep Purple had been having second thoughts about waiting to close the show, and now they wanted to go on next. What with the weather and all, yeah right! Michael Browning [veteran promoter], the band and brother George were standing off the side of the stage, huddled in a group.

"What's going on?" I asked. AC/DC were standing their ground, saying they would play the spot they'd been booked to play. Browning told me, "Don't worry about it, just go back and set up the gear." Back I went to do it all again. Now, the part of the job I was most uncomfortable with in those early days was going onstage when an audience was present. Eventually, they would figure out I was a girl and start hollering; it was always

embarrassing to me. During this second set-up, a bored, restless and drunk audience did just that. "Look, it's a sheila!" one heckler called, while another thought he was funny with, "Don't hurt yourself, little girl."

I hated it but just got on with the job, pretending I couldn't hear any of it, hoping it would be over soon. Not so, I'm afraid. Again, I got the word to strike it all. This was bullshit! I went towards the back of the stage where AC/DC were arguing with a bunch of men who turned out to be Purple's management and crew. What now?

Purple were demanding to go on next, and AC/DC were having none of it. "We're going on next, as that is the spot we were booked to play." It was George's voice I could hear over the others.

Podcasts The Loudest Girl in the World



When Lauren Ober was diagnosed with autism in 2020, it came as a surprise.

"I don't fit into a lot of the stereotypes about autism, or what I thought I knew about autism before I found out I was autistic," she says in her new series.

The show in part blasts apart stereotypes about the condition, as Ober takes listeners through her life both pre- and post-diagnosis.

We hear about the punishments she received for supposedly bad behaviour at school: a teacher once "put her in a cardboard box to shut her up". She also talks us through her decision, aged 42, to finally get evaluated for autism – we tag along as she takes autism tests and listen in to the moment she told a group of friends about her diagnosis.

Gwendolyn Smith



Purple's management not only wanted us to go on after them, they wanted us to wait until after they had removed all their equipment, including sound and lighting. This would mean we would be lucky to go on before two in the morning – after everyone had left. Everyone was yelling, and then the shoving started.

One of Purple's crew knocked Angus, and it was on. Unintentional or not, it didn't matter at this point. The Youngs had a very strong clan mentality, which was part of what I loved about them. You did not mess with one of their own.

The next thing I knew, George was swinging. I jumped in and got between him and some English guy on Purple's crew – I'd agreed to be loyal to the band, and I wasn't about

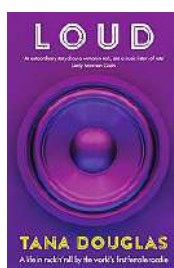
to let the boys get beaten up by anyone. Then it just erupted. Lots of men jumped in, while security tried to break it up. In the middle of it all, AC/DC were standing back to back, still refusing to budge. Browning, looking a little flustered, hustled the boys away, and I heard a "F**k this!", yelled out as a parting gesture.

Purple got what they wanted that day: they got rid of AC/DC, as the boys refused to play last. But AC/DC got all the press. None of the Australian bands at the festival got paid anyway, as the promoter went bust after paying Deep Purple.

AC/DC had shown they weren't about to be pushed around by a bunch of Poms who they saw as well past their prime. They would do it their way. I admired them for that.

Trailblazing Tana Douglas encountered a lot of sexism for being a roadie

LISA JOHNSON



'**Loud**' is published tomorrow (Harper Collins, £14.99)

Last night's television

EMILY BAKER



'Bake Off' was just the lift we all need during this emotional week

» **The Great British Bake Off** Channel 4, 8pm ★★★★★

Keep calm and carry on – that's the British way. And what is more calming than a new series of **The Great British Bake Off**?

After last year's brilliant, pun-filled performance of "Achy Breaky Heart", the pressure was on to start the 2022 series with a bang. And so, hosts Matt Lucas and Noel Fielding, and judges Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith, became Luke Piewalker, Princess Layer Cake, Darth Baker and, best of all, Pruebacca, for a *Star Wars* skit. It might be a little over the top to say that this dose of silliness is exactly what the UK needs in this sad and confusing week, but if there's one place for jingoism, it's *Bake Off*.

But it was soon down to serious business, and the bakers' nerves were palpable as they took their places behind their powder-blue benches for the first time. As is

familiar with the recipe, others less so; 23-year-old Rebs had never made one before, despite starting her baking career at just three. Height was an issue for most of the bakers (Prue and Paul wanted towers, not bungalows) and James, Rebs and Maxy were the bottom three bakers. Once again Sandros and Syabira rose to the top, with the latter taking first place.

Finally, it was time for the show's oddest challenge, the increasingly Willy Wonka-esque Showstopper. This week, the bakers had to create 3D replicas of their own home out of cake. Rebs finally impressed with her piña colada cake, however incongruous with its Northern Irish cottage exterior, and while Maxy's decoration was a little rushed, her sponge was delicious. But it was Dawn's genoise cake that won the unofficial top spot, a triumph that the airy sponge hadn't collapsed under the weight of the charming cottage decorations.

There were very few surprises in the results: Janusz's beautifully decorated chocolate cake cemented his place as 2022's first Star Baker, while it was time for Will to pack his bags. His cake house might have impressed Noel, who realised they were neighbours, but his sponge was overbaked and his buttercream was never forgiven.

Noel and Matt were delightfully frivolous, Prue was still giddy at the prospect of eating a very boozy cake, and Paul's "white walker" eyes still stalked the tent like a lioness hunting a gazelle. *Bake Off* has become a vital part of British culture and anything other than the delightfully twee show we know and love would cause riots in the flour aisles. The last thing Britain needs right now is more change.

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There was fierce competition from the 12 newcomers to be teacher's pet

Quote of the day



It is time for me to start a new professional chapter

John Foley
The American billionaire and co-founder of US exercise bike maker Peloton announces his departure from the firm

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ECONOMY

Jobless rate falls to 48-year low as people quit working

By David Connett

Britain's unemployment rate has dropped to its lowest since 1974 but wages are still lagging behind inflation, official figures show.

The number of workers on pay-rolls rose by 71,000, or 0.2 per cent, between July and August to 29.7 million, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) reported yesterday.

The economic inactivity rate – a measure of those not in work and not looking for work – increased by 0.4 percentage points over the quarter to 21.7 per cent, its highest since the three months to January 2017.

The drop, dubbed the “great resignation”, is being driven by an increase in people classified as long-term sick as well as students leaving the jobs market. The Bank of England is worried about labour inac-

tivity and fears that a tight labour market will fuel inflation.

The ONS said that regular pay, excluding bonuses, grew by 5.2 per cent in the three months to July. With Consumer Prices Index (CPI) inflation taken into account, real pay tumbled by 3.9 per cent year-on-year.

Average regular pay in the public sector rose by just 2.0 per cent from May to July, while the salaries of private sector workers grew three times as fast – by an average of 6.0 per cent.

CPI inflation jumped to a 40-year high of 10.1 per cent in July as energy

and food bills sent living costs spiralling upwards.

The figures emerged after the Chancellor, Kwasi Kwarteng, was reported to have told Treasury officials to adopt a new approach focused on boosting annual economic growth to 2.5 per cent as he prepares to unveil a tax-cutting mini-Budget next week.

The Government's recent move to freeze energy bills at £2,500 is expected to rein in inflation somewhat but wages are still unlikely to keep pace with rising costs.

Kitty Ussher, the chief economist at the Institute of Directors, said: “Just when we thought unemployment could not get any lower, it has fallen further to an extraordinary 3.6 per cent in the three months to July.

“This is good news for households trying to budget in the face of rising costs. Although the effect of inflation

i The ONS said that total pay including bonuses rose by 5.5 per cent over the quarter, but **actually fell by 3.6 per cent** when inflation was taken into account.



Kitty Ussher said that some firms were pausing their recruitment plans as the economy weakened

has caused real pay to fall by 2.8 per cent on the year, causing difficulties for many.

“More disturbing is the continuing rise in economic inactivity. Some of this is due to having more students, but also to increasing numbers of over-50s being denied the ability to work because of long-term illness.

“For businesses, low unemployment means labour shortages remain a very real concern. Having said that, the data also suggest that some firms are pausing recruitment plans in the face of a weakening economy: the number of vacancies, although still very high, has started to come down.”



The 30 Second Briefing

FEVER-TREE

Bottle half-full?

Fever-tree, the drinks company that put the fizz as well as the botanicals into its thirst-quenching beverages, said yesterday that its plan to avoid high transatlantic shipping costs had been set back in the first six months of the year because the bottling plant it uses in the US struggled to

hire enough staff. This led to more goods being shipped from the UK to meet burgeoning American demand.

Or bottle half-empty?

Fever-tree, founded by Charles Rolls and Tim Warrillow in 2004 and based in Hammersmith, west London, also warned that securing enough glass bottles might become a problem in the second half of the year. This “will limit our opportunity to deliver revenue upside despite the strong demand we are seeing across our markets”, it said. Fever-Tree said glass costs were rising because of the high price of gas, adding: “Sustained elevation in the gas price is being passed through by suppliers against a backdrop of

limited glass availability across [our] suppliers in the UK and Europe.”

Mixing things up?

The rising costs pushed down its pre-tax profits for the first six months of the year by 30 per cent to £17.6m. Mr Warrillow, the chief executive, said total sales rose by 14 per cent to £160.9m, spurred on in part by its core mixer drinks, supplemented by newer, innovative products including a limited-edition Passionfruit and Lime Tonic in the UK and a Blood Orange Ginger Beer in the US. It said it was broadening distribution of its soda range across Europe to take advantage of the growing taste for spritzers.

David Connett

SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter ‘has Chinese agent among employees’

By Sheila Dang

Disclosures from a former Twitter executive turned whistleblower show at least one Chinese agent is working at the company, United States Senator Chuck Grassley said during a Senate hearing.

Peiter “Mudge” Zatkoff, a famed hacker who served as Twitter's head of security until he was dismissed last year, said during the hearing that some Twitter employees were concerned the Chinese government would be able to collect data on the company's users.

Mr Zatkoff referred to a story detailing internal clashes between some teams who had wanted to maximise revenues from Chinese advertisers and others concerned about doing business inside China amid rising geopolitical tensions.

“In a nutshell, if we were already in bed, it would be problematic if we lost that revenue stream,” Mr Zatkoff said.

Mr Grassley said: “His disclosures also note that the FBI notified Twitter of at least one Chinese agent in the company.”

The senator added that Twitter's chief executive, Parag Agrawal, had refused to appear at the hearing for fear it could jeopardise the company's litigation against Elon Musk.

Twitter and Mr Musk head to trial next month over whether the \$44bn (£38bn) takeover deal should be completed.

Twitter is to announce the results of a shareholder vote on Mr Musk's takeover of the company. A majority of shareholders had already approved the deal, Reuters reported.

CONSUMER

Ocado is forced to focus on the long game as overheads eat into profitability

Grocers are feeling the pinch but need to keep customers' budgets in mind.

By **David Connnett**

The cost of dry ice has increased dramatically, and this will be felt in an unexpected quarter: Ocado. Soaring prices for dry ice, which is used to transport frozen products such as ice-cream, could increase costs by up to £20m a year.

Tim Steiner, the Ocado chairman, has confirmed that the online grocer is looking into alternatives for keeping food cool.

Dry ice is only one problem that it faces. The cost of living crisis has hit even Ocado's customers, with their average basket of shopping costing £116 at the end of August – 6 per cent less than in the previous quarter.

The company said this change was predominantly driven by customers switching from branded products to cheaper alternatives.

The fact that its regular customer base has risen by 23 per cent in the past year to 946,000 has offset some of the bad news. But does it spell trouble for Ocado? Analysts are divided. One thing in its favour is there is more to the business than just delivering perfectly ripe fruit and premium goods.

To those familiar with its hundreds of brightly coloured vans distributing their daily deliveries on our streets, Ocado is a high-end grocery business delivering Marks & Spencer's goods with brisk and friendly efficiency. But what many people do not always realise is that it is as much a technology company as a grocer.

Mr Steiner said yesterday that



Grocery delivery is Ocado's public face but technology is at the heart of the company **REUTERS**

its online model created "efficiency through advanced technology... and industry-leading service".

Ocado has yet to make a profit because it has invested so heavily in technology, which it hopes will pay off in the long term. Its cutting-edge warehouses are being built from Australia to the US. For the retailers it has partnered with, the shift from bricks-and-mortar stores to online trading has been reinforced by the coronavirus pandemic.

The opening of four such warehouses in the UK since 2021, the latest in Bicester, Oxfordshire, means Ocado Retail can fulfil as many as 600,000 orders a week. But with demand at 374,000 orders per week, it has extra capacity which represents a hefty short-term cost.

It has raised prices by 7 per cent over the year but says its electricity bill is triple what it was last year, while fuel costs for vans

are expected to be about 15 per cent higher. Mr Steiner remains optimistic "while recognising the challenges that higher energy bills and other inflationary pressures are creating for our customers".

Such optimism may be justified. Ocado's technology arm has been an innovator in online grocery shopping through a mixture of robotics, artificial intelligence and widespread automation to make for quicker, cheaper deliveries.

Further evidence of the economic crisis reshaping the grocery sector came as new figures confirmed that Aldi, the German discounter, has become the UK's fourth-biggest supermarket, overtaking Morrisons.

Aldi has a 9.3 per cent share of the market, according to the retail analyst Kantar, compared with Bradford-based Morrisons' 9.1 per cent. Ocado's 1.7 per cent share was unchanged year-on-year.

Business in brief

BANKING

Saving rates reach highest in a decade

The average rates being offered on some savings accounts have reached their highest level in nearly a decade, analysis from Moneyfacts has revealed.

It said the average easy access rate was at its highest level of 0.84 per cent, since a rate of 0.87 per cent was recorded in December 2012. In September last year, the average interest rate on an easy access account was just 0.17 per cent.

Savers typically get higher returns from an easy access Isa, which currently pays 0.92 per cent on average.

AVIATION

Ryanair in dispute over Hungary slots

Ryanair said yesterday that it would close several routes to and from Hungary and cut flights on several others as a result of its dispute with the country's government over a special windfall tax placed on airlines.

The Irish budget carrier's chief executive, Michael O'Leary (*below*), said that it had planned to launch 10 new routes through Budapest this winter but the plans had fallen through after Hungary's government fined it more than €750,000 (£650,000) in August for alleged consumer protection violations.



RETAIL

Sainsbury's workers get second pay rise

By **Grace Gausden**

Sainsbury's has raised pay for its staff again as well as offered free food during shifts as part of a £25m package to support workers during the cost of living crisis.

The UK's second largest supermarket chain said £20m of the boost would go towards a pay rise while about 127,000 workers would receive a 25p per hour increase from October.

Sainsbury's and Argos retail staff will also receive a minimum pay lift from £10 to £10.25 per hour, with this going up from £11.05 to £11.30 per hour for those who work in London.

The announcement comes after the retailer increased basic hourly staff pay from £9.50 to £10 in January. Sainsbury's has said the latest pay increase means frontline workers will have had a 7.9 per cent pay rise over the course of this year.

The latest payroll move will bring Sainsbury's total investment into wages for its workers to about £150m.

The new pay rates will come into effect from 16 October and will not affect the next annual pay review.

The retailer also said it would give workers "access to basic food items during shifts" from the first week of October until the end of December.

"The free food will ensure colleagues can have something to eat while they are at work," the company added.

The Office for National Statistics recorded inflation at 10.1 per cent in July.

FINANCE

Woodford investors want 'billions'

By **Grace Gausden**

Claimant groups planning multimillion-pound lawsuits over a collapsed investment fund run by the former star stock picker Neil Woodford (*inset*) said yesterday that any redress of about £306m called for by Britain's regulator would be too paltry.

The law firm Leigh Day, which represents around 13,000 clients in a suit against Link Fund Solutions (LFS), the administrator of the flagship LF Woodford Equity Income Fund, said that the figure was "nowhere near enough" to compensate the thousands of people who had suffered financial losses.

"Leigh Day calculates that if all of the individuals who suffered losses as a result of investing in this fund signed up to the claims proceeding through the courts, the court claims could be in the billions," lawyer Meriel Hodgson-Teall said.

LFS has said it would vigorously defend itself against any proceedings and denies wrongdoing.

On Monday, the Financial Conduct Authority – prompted to declare its views by a planned takeover of LFS – said it was considering ordering LFS to pay up to £306m in redress or penalties over failures in managing the fund's liquidity.

But LFS can challenge any final warning notice.



FASHION

Joules shares fall as Next talks end

The British fashion company Joules Group said yesterday that talks about a potential equity investment from Next had ended – sending its shares down more than 30 per cent.

City sources suggested that Next had not received enough information to proceed.

"The group continues to assess its ongoing financing requirements and is considering alternative options, including a possible equity raise," Joules said.

The firm had sounded a profits warning, blaming the hot summer for lower sales of key lines such as raincoats and boots.



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PERSONAL FINANCE

Can donating to charity cut my capital gains tax?

Ask Sam**Your questions about money**

Dear Sam, I sold a property which has a capital gains tax liability. When the gain is combined with my income, this tips me into the higher-rate tax band, resulting in some of the gain being taxed at the higher rate of 28 per cent. If I give money to charity, using the Gift Aid scheme, will this help to reduce my capital gains tax bill? **Name and address supplied**

Sam says: Gift Aid is a great way to support causes you care about while cutting your tax bill. Using the Gift Aid declaration when donating to a registered charity or community amateur sports club allows it to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give and it doesn't cost you anything extra.

For the taxpayer ("the donor"), your basic rate and higher rate tax bands are extended by the same amount as your donation, plus the tax relief.

This means that more of your gain from the property will be taxed at the lower capital gains tax rate of 18 per cent, rather than the higher rate of 28 per cent.

Say your earnings from your salary were £30,000 and the taxable income from the property sale was £100,000 (after tax-free allowances have been applied). Usually you would be a "basic rate" taxpayer as your income is between £12,571 and £50,270. That means that the first £20,270 of your property windfall – which takes you up to the threshold – is charged at 18 per cent.

But the remaining £79,730 is charged at 28 per cent, the rate applied to higher rate taxpayers. In total you would pay capital gains tax of £25,973.

Now assume that you donated £5,000 to charity. The threshold between higher and basic rate rises by £5,000, plus the 25 per cent tax relief (£1,250), to £56,520. So the first £26,520 of your property gain is charged at 18 per cent, then the remaining £73,480 at 28 per cent. In total you would pay £25,348 – a saving of £625.

Clearly Gift Aid has not saved you more in tax than you donated. Nevertheless, you have saved hundreds of pounds and the charity has got £6,250.

There are certain exceptions to giving Gift Aid, such as donations from limited companies, or where the donor gets a benefit over a certain limit.

If you are a higher rate taxpayer – so above the basic rate – you can claim the difference between the rate that you paid and the basic rate you paid on your donation by filling out a self assessment tax form or informing HM Revenue and Customs that you need to amend your tax code. If you stop paying enough tax, then you must also inform the charities you have donated to.

In some cases, Gift Aid donations can be carried back and treated as if they were made in the previous tax year. You could make a charitable donation after the end of the tax year in which the gain was made, but still use it to reduce the capital gains tax.

You will need to carry back the whole donation, and do so before the filing date for the tax year that you want to carry the contributions back to.

There are many other ways to save on capital gains tax such as carrying forward losses from previous years and transferring assets to a spouse to make the most of your £12,300 tax-free annual capital gains tax allowance.

Find out more at which.co.uk/money/tax/capital-gains-tax.

Sam Richardson is the deputy editor at Which? Money

28%

The rate of capital gains tax for those who earn more than £50,270

**Demand for flowers blooms**

A worker at a flower factory in the Turkish city of Antalya prepares carnations for export to Britain.

Demand for carnations skyrocketed by 90 per cent almost immediately after the

announcement of the Queen's death last week.

Producers in southern Turkey have hired extra staff and extended working hours to ship 1.5 million flowers before the funeral. GETTY

TECHNOLOGY

Google faces £20bn lawsuits over adverts

By Grace Gausden

Google is facing €25bn (£21.6bn) lawsuits in the UK and EU over its digital advertising practices.

The company will face damages claims in two suits to be filed in British and Dutch courts by a law firm on behalf of publishers.

Its advertising technology has recently drawn scrutiny from antitrust regulators following complaints from publishers which said it deprived the media of revenue through its "anti-competitive conduct".

The French competition watchdog imposed a €220m fine on the company last year while the European Commission and its UK peer are investigating whether Google's adtech business gives it an unfair advantage over rivals and advertisers.

Law firm Geradin Partners said in a statement: "It is time that Google owns up to its responsibilities and pays back the damages it has caused to this important industry."

Google criticised the imminent lawsuits, saying it worked constructively with publishers across Europe.

A spokesman added: "This lawsuit is speculative and opportunistic. When we receive the complaint, we will fight it vigorously."

FTSE 100 down -1.17% at 7,385.86

Company	Price	Chg %	High	Low
3i Group	1163.0	-2.68%	1507.5	1042.0
abrdn	149.2	-3.62%	265.3	140.8
Admiral	2230.0	-1.81%	3558.0	1691.5
Airtel Africa	143.7	-0.21%	173.1	92.5
Anglo Amer	2920.5	-2.34%	4292.5	2350.0
Antofagasta	1210.0	-0.45%	1799.5	971.2
AB Foods	1360.0	-3.27%	2181.0	1314.4
Ashted Group	4326.0	-2.96%	6572.0	3269.0
AstraZeneca	10328.0	-2.77%	11540.0	8029.0
Auto Trader Group	643.0	-3.89%	751.4	499.4
Aveva Group	3050.0	+3.08%	4099.0	1800.0
Aviva	442.3	-0.56%	606.6	341.9
BAE Systems	794.0	+0.43%	847.4	517.4
Barclays	171.9	-1.16%	219.6	140.1
Barratt Dev	417.2	-3.83%	765.1	393.1
BAT	3495.0	-0.40%	3645.0	2507.5
Berkeley Grp Hldgs	3638.0	-2.10%	4919.0	3357.0
B&MEurValRtl	352.8	-2.92%	651.4	336.5
BP	461.6	+0.81%	469.6	296.9
British Land	409.9	-3.07%	563.8	405.7
BT	142.8	-1.21%	201.4	134.8
Bunzl	2897.0	-0.82%	3249.0	2363.0
Burberry	1773.0	-	2074.0	1473.5
Centrica	84.9	-2.52%	93.9	49.8
Coca-Cola HBC	1976.0	-1.20%	2706.0	1403.5
Compass	1928.0	+0.10%	1970.5	1435.0
CRH	3177.5	-2.22%	4024.0	2736.5
Croda Intl	6820.0	-2.96%	10505.0	5862.0
DCC	5066.0	+0.20%	6520.0	4725.0
Dechra Pharma	3278.0	-0.97%	5405.0	3066.0
Diageo	3804.0	-0.82%	4110.0	3282.5
Endeavour Mining	1736.0	-2.31%	2176.0	1505.0
Entain	1225.0	-2.58%	2500.0	994.6
Experian	2734.0	-2.29%	3689.0	2242.0
Flutter Entertmt	10495.0	-2.01%	16275.0	7340.0
Fresnillo	736.6	-2.10%	997.6	610.6
Glencore	497.7	-0.33%	548.3	305.1

Company	Price	Chg %	High	Low
GSK	1359.4	-1.32%	3408.2	1321.2
Haleon	266.6	+0.98%	337.4	241.2
Halma	2138.0	-2.64%	3270.0	1855.3
Hargreave Lans	860.4	-2.54%	1603.0	759.0
Hikma Pharms	1266.5	-3.76%	2546.0	1244.0
Homeserve	1189.0	-0.08%	1192.0	578.3
Howden Joinery	600.0	-2.76%	985.8	537.2
HSBC Hldgs	529.6	-1.19%	567.2	329.6
IAG	108.0	-4.37%	193.9	102.1
Imperial Brands	1947.0	-0.26%	1966.5	1434.2
Informa	562.0	-1.40%	628.0	459.8
IntCont HtIs	4830.0	-0.80%	5386.0	4174.0
Intertek	4078.0	-0.39%	5824.0	3837.0
IntermediateCp	1245.5	-3.64%	2493.0	1244.5
JD Sports Fashion	127.2	-3.27%	235.7	98.9
Kingfisher	247.2	-3.78%	375.2	227.3
Land Secs	627.8	-2.70%	822.4	617.0
Legal & Gen	262.3	-1.32%	309.9	225.5
Lloyds Bk Grp	46.5	-1.05%	56.0	38.1
Lon Stock Ex	8004.0	-1.16%	8612.0	6230.0
M&G	199.8	-0.92%	230.0	168.7
Meggitt	798.8	-	801.0	726.5
Melrose Ind	121.6	-3.99%	187.4	107.5
Mondi	1493.0	-1.29%	2025.0	1233.5
National Grid	1080.0	+0.19%	1271.5	880.6
NatWest Group	269.7	+0.07%	284.4	196.9
Next	5828.0	-3.89%	8484.0	5578.0
Ocado Group	679.2	-14.59%	1964.5	670.0
Pearson	923.8	+0.22%	932.6	571.0
Pershing Square	2770.0	-2.98%	3125.0	2295.0
Persimmon	1460.0	-3.92%	2930.0	1398.0
Phoenix	610.6	-1.33%	704.4	559.2
Prudential	959.2	-1.76%	1519.0	877.2
Reckitt Ben	6564.0	-0.97%	6824.0	5367.0
RELX	2287.0	-1.00%	2474.0	2056.0
Rentokil Initial	546.8	-1.44%	662.0	441.2
Rightmove	617.8	-3.14%	810.0	518.5

Company	Price	Chg %	High	Low
Rio Tinto	4909.0	-0.72%	6343.0	4354.0
Rolls-Royce	78.3	-2.98%	161.9	69.6
RS Group	1092.0	-2.33%	1276.0	790.0
Sage	739.4	-1.99%	862.2	587.2
Sainsbury(J)	210.0	-1.59%	307.8	197.5
Schroders	2654.0	-2.78%	3913.0	2578.0
Scot Mort Inv Tst	807.4	-4.97%	1568.5	670.6
Segro	906.0	-4.29%	1508.0	888.8
Severn Trent	2786.0	-0.78%	3228.0	2561.0
Shell	2327.5	+0.26%	2459.2	1833.4
Smith&Neph	1093.0	-1.09%	1379.6	994.8
Smith (DS)	280.0	-2.88%	464.1	258.2
Smiths Gp	1563.0	-0.76%	1642.0	1323.0
Smurfit Kappa Grp	2969.0	-1.53%	4224.4	2623.0
Spirax-Sarco Eng	10810.0	-2.26%	17225.0	9008.0
SSE	1793.0	-0.69%	1935.5	1510.0
Stan Chart	612.2	-2.39%	641.0	406.2
St James Place	1127.0	-3.47%	1742.5	1044.0
Taylor Wimpey	106.7	-3.62%	179.7	101.8
Tesco	245.3	-3.08%	304.1	237.4
Unilever	4017.5	-0.07%	4109.5	3267.5
Unite Group	1029.0	-3.83%	1209.0	934.8
United Utilities	1071.5	-0.60%	1186.9	961.8
Vodafone	109.1	-1.32%	141.6	106.3
Whitbread	2663.0	-0.37%	3465.4	2382.0
WPP	784.6	-1.63%	1231.5	719.6

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the markets

The **FTSE 100** index ended the day down 87.17 points, or 1.17 per cent, at 7,385.86. The biggest risers were the IT software company **Aveva**, up 91p at 3,050p, and the consumer health firm **Haleon**, whose shares

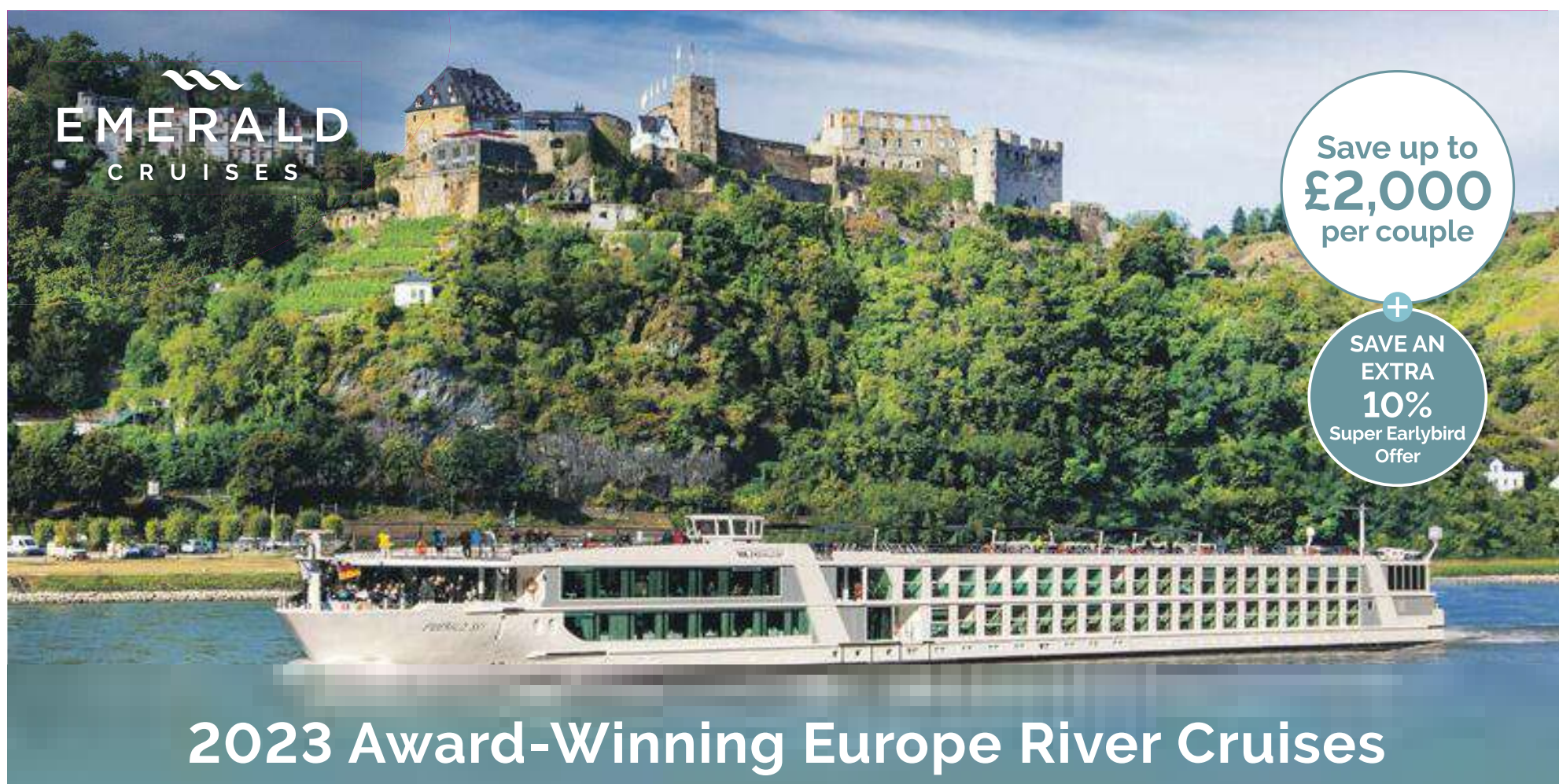
rose by 2.6p to 266.6p. The biggest fallers were the online grocer **Ocado**, which fell 116p to 679.2p, and the fund manager **Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust**, down 42.2p at 807.4p.

The German **DAX** declined by 1.59 per cent and the French **CAC 40** closed 1.39 per cent lower. The **pound** closed at \$1.1532 against the US dollar compared with \$1.1698 at the previous close.

Markets

FTSE 100	7385.9	-1.17%
FTSE 250	19167.2	-1.78%
FTSE All Share	4056.1	-1.27%
FTSE Eurofirst300	1662.4	-1.43%
Dow Jones *	31502.3	-2.71%
S&P 500 *	3985.8	-3.03%
Nasdaq *	11787.5	-3.90%
DAX	13189.0	-1.59%
CAC 40	6245.7	-1.39%
Hang Seng	19326.9	-0.18%
Nikkei	28614.6	+0.25%

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Today's Weather

Mainly dry with sunny spells however there will be large areas of cloud. Rain across southern counties of England will clear southwards.

Today's high

23°

Today's low

6°

Moon Phase

Sunrise

06:33

Sunset

19:17

Around Britain

City	Temp (Midday yesterday)	Rain (mm)	Sun (hrs)
Aberdeen	17	F	0.0
Aberporth	16	F	0.1
Aberystwyth	20	S	0.0
Aviemore	17	F	0.0
Belfast	16	C	0.0
Birmingham	18	S	0.2
Bournemouth	17	R	4.9
Bridlington	18	S	0.0
Bristol	15	R	2.4
Cardiff	15	R	4.3
Cromer	17	F	0.2
Durham	19	S	0.0
Eastbourne	18	R	2.1
Edinburgh	18	S	0.0
Eskdalemuir	17	S	0.0
Glasgow	16	F	0.0
Holyhead	16	F	0.0
Hove	18	R	2.1
Hull	19	F	4.2
Huntingdon	19	F	0.0
Ipswich	19	F	0.0
Isle of Man	17	F	0.0
Isle of Wight	19	C	3.0
Kinlochewe	16	F	3.6
Kirkwall	14	C	0.8
Leeds	19	S	0.2
Lerwick	12	C	3.0
Leuchars	17	S	0.0
Lincoln	17	F	0.4
Liverpool	17	F	0.0
London	17	C	1.4
Manchester	16	F	0.0
Margate	20	C	0.4
Milford Haven	18	F	0.1
Morecambe	17	F	0.0
Newcastle	18	S	0.0
Norwich	18	S	1.0
Nottingham	17	F	0.2
Okehampton	16	SH	3.1
Oxford	16	C	0.0
Plymouth	18	SH	2.7
Portland	17	SH	5.8
Portsmouth	18	DR	1.7
Prestwick	16	F	0.4
Rhyl	16	C	0.0
Sheffield	17	F	0.2
Shrewsbury	17	F	0.0
Skegness	17	F	0.6
Southend	19	C	0.1
Stoke	16	F	0.2
Stornoway	14	C	0.6
Swansea	18	C	0.3
Tiree	14	C	0.1

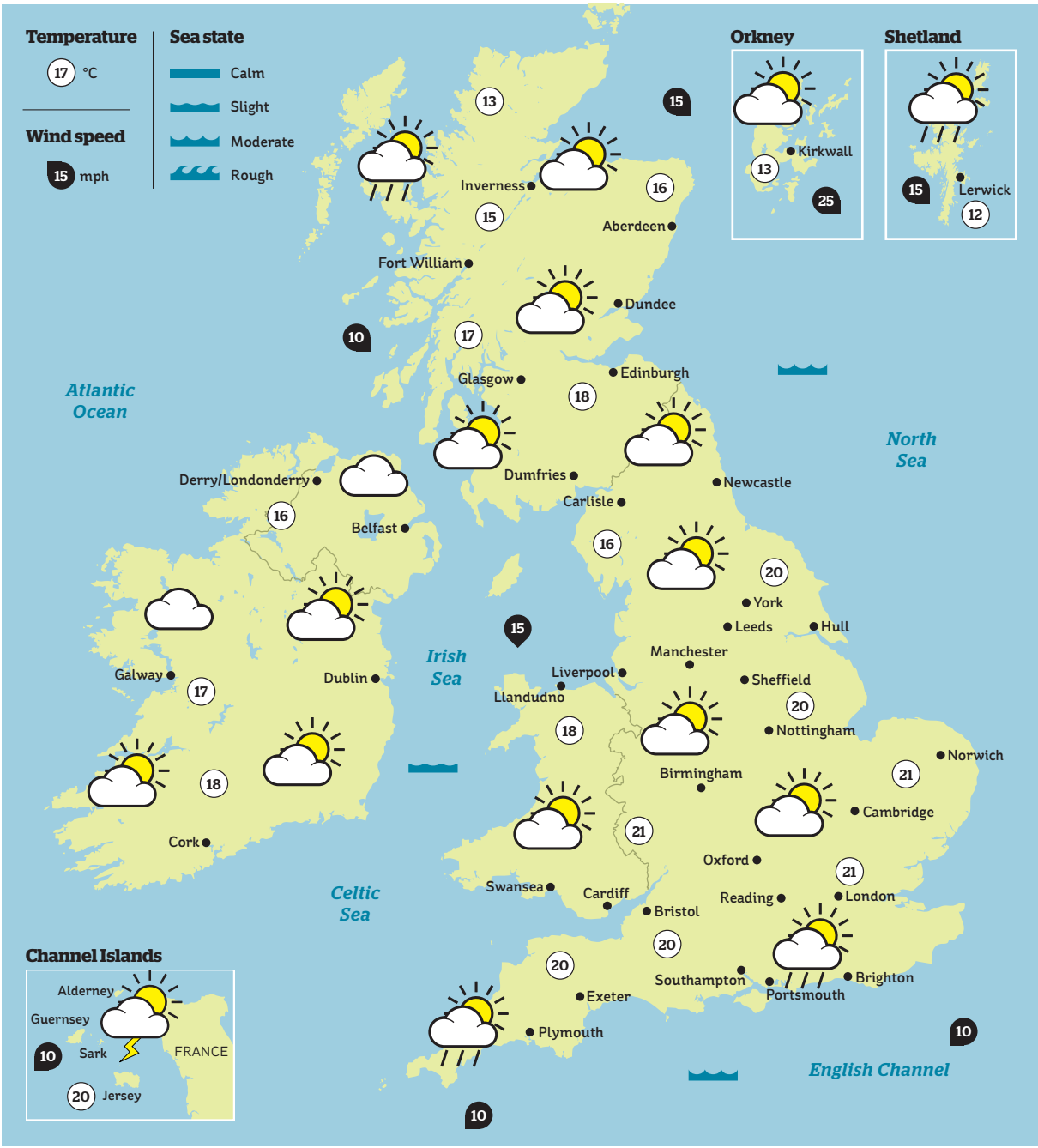
Global

City	Temp	Cond	City	Temp	Cond
Abu Dhabi	38	F	Miami	33	F
Abuja	27	C	Milan	26	S
Alicante	29	F	Moscow	12	C
Amsterdam	20	F	Mumbai	27	TH
Athens	28	S	Munich	23	F
Bangkok	32	S	New York	24	C
Barcelona	31	F	Nice	25	F
Beijing	28	F	Palma	33	S
Berlin	19	C	Paris	23	C
Brussels	23	C	Prague	18	DR
Budapest	21	F	Reykjavik	10	C
Chicago	16	DR	Rio	20	C
Delhi	33	F	Rome	28	S
Dubai	41	F	Stockholm	15	SH
Dublin	15	C	Strasbourg	26	S
Frankfurt	16	DR	Sydney	14	SH
Geneva	23	F	Tenerife	26	F
Helsinki	13	C	Tokyo	29	F
Hong Kong	34	F	Toronto	22	R
Istanbul	24	SH	Vancouver	21	F
Johannesburg	17	F	Vienna	21	C
Lisbon	22	SH	Warsaw	18	F
Los Angeles	28	F	Washington	27	SH
Madrid	21	F	Wellington	15	C

Key: C=Cloudy, DR=Drizzle, F=Fair, FG=Fog, H=Hail, M=Mist, R=Rain, S=Sunny, SH=Showers, SL=Stleet, SN=Snow, SS=Sandstorm, TH=Thunderstorm

Air Pollution Index

Region	Today	Tomorrow
Highlands	2	2
North East Scotland	2	2
Central Scotland	2	2
Scottish Borders	2	2
Northern Ireland	2	2
North West & Mersey	2	2
North East	2	2
Yorkshire & Humber	2	2
North Wales	2	2
West Midlands	2	2
East Midlands	2	2
South Wales	2	2
South West	3	3
South East	3	2
Eastern	3	3
Greater London	2	2

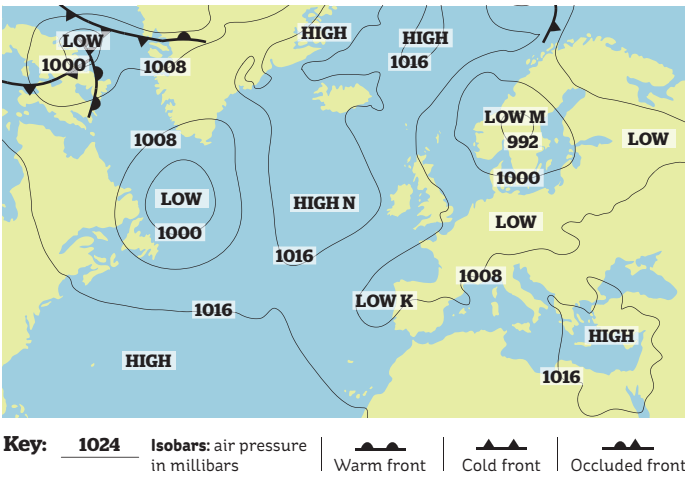


GENERAL SITUATION An area of low pressure will be centred over Iceland and an associated cold front will linger across southern counties of England during the morning bringing outbreaks of rain which may be heavy before clearing southwards during the day. Further north there will be a weak ridge of high pressure which will bring a mainly dry day with periods of sunshine and variable amounts of cloud. A chance of showers, mostly across Scotland. **SE England, Cen S England, SW England, London:** An unsettled start to the day with cloudy skies and outbreaks of rain which will be locally heavy. Rain will slowly

clear south-eastwards during the morning before leaving a fine afternoon as it will be dry with long spells of sunshine. Light to gentle north-easterly winds will be locally moderate. Max temp: 23C. Tonight, clear spells. Min temp: 8C. **Channel Is:** A dry and bright start to the day with early sunny spells. There will then be variable amounts of cloud cover around during the morning and a chance of showers. Mainly dry during the afternoon with bright spells and variable amounts of cloud cover. Gentle to moderate north-easterly winds. Max temp: 22C. Tonight, clear spells. Min temp: 14C.

N Isles: It will be a bright day with spells of sunshine and variable amounts of patchy cloud cover around. There is also a chance of showers developing which may be heavy across Shetland. Mostly dry during the evening with late spells of sunshine and patchy cloud. Moderate to brisk north-westerly winds. Max temp: 14C. Tonight, showers. Min temp: 8C. **NW Scotland, NE Scotland, W Isles, SW Scotland, SE Scotland, N Ireland:** A generally dry start to the day but there will be large areas of cloud. Most places will be dry during the day however there is a threat of showers developing which will be most frequent

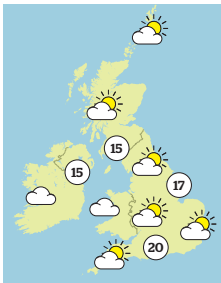
during the morning. A mostly dry evening. Gentle to moderate north-westerly winds will be brisk in the far north. Max temp: 19C. Tonight, largely dry. Min temp: 6C. **N Wales, S Wales, IoM, East Anglia, Midlands, NW England, NE England, E England, Republic of Ireland:** A dry start to the day with early cloud breaking to reveal spells of sunshine. It will then be mainly dry and bright during the day with periods of sunshine and variable amounts of patchy cloud cover. There is also a slim chance of an isolated shower. Light to gentle north-westerly winds. Max temp: 22C. Tonight, clear spells. Min temp: 8C.



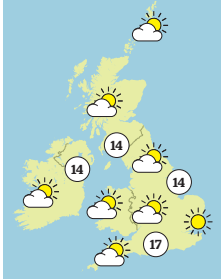
SYNOPTIC PRESSURE Low K will continue to be stationary to the west of Portugal. A few related fronts will move towards the southern coastal regions of the UK, delivering brief downpours. Over Scandinavia, Low M will migrate even further east. High N will continue to build in from the west, bringing settled conditions over the upcoming days.

HIGHS AND LOWS	HOURS OF DARKNESS
(Yesterday, up to 2pm)	
Warmest: Jersey, Channel Islands, 22C	Aberdeen 19:31-06:39
Coldest: Topcliffe, North Yorkshire, 5C	Birmingham 19:25-06:41
Wettest: Baltasound, Shetland, 15.4mm	Bristol 19:27-06:45
Sunniest: Dumfries and Galloway, 9.4hrs	Cardiff 19:29-06:47
	Glasgow 19:37-06:48
	Hull 19:20-06:34
	Inverness 19:38-06:45
	Liverpool 19:30-06:45
	London 19:17-06:35
	Manchester 19:27-06:42
	Stornoway 19:48-06:55
	Swansea 19:32-06:50
	York 19:23-06:37

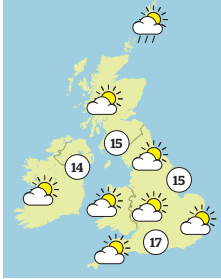
Five-day outlook



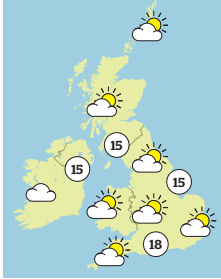
THURSDAY Largely dry with sunny spells, variable cloud and a threat of showers, mostly across Scotland. Gentle to brisk northerly winds.



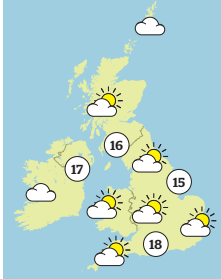
FRIDAY It will be dry and sunny with gentle to brisk winds however there is a threat of showers in the east and here winds will be strong.



SATURDAY Mainly dry with sunny spells but cloud will build in from the north bringing rain to Scotland. Light to gentle north-westerly winds.



SUNDAY Largely dry with sunny periods but also a chance of a few showers. Light to gentle northerly winds will be brisk to strong in the east.



MONDAY Dry with early sunny spells however large areas of cloud will build in from the west. Generally light winds which will be locally brisk.

Results Service

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP A
Liverpool (1).....2 **Ajax** (1).....1
 Salah 17 Kudus 27
 Matip 89

GROUP B
Bayer Leverkusen (0).....2 **Atletico Madrid** (0).....0
FC Porto (0).....0 **Club Brugge** (1).....4

GROUP C
Bayern Munich (0).....2 **Barcelona** (0).....0
Plzen (0).....0 **Inter Milan** (1).....2

GROUP D
Marseille (0).....0 **E Frankfurt** (1).....1
Sporting (0).....0 **Tottenham** (0).....0
 Paulinho 90, Arthur Gomes 90

THE SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Blackburn (1).....2 **Watford** (0).....0
 Hedges 38, Hyam 82 Att 11,803
Huddersfield (0).....1 **Wigan** (1).....2
 Lees 76 Keane 25 (pen)
 Att 17,941 Lang 82
Hull (0).....0 **Stoke** (2).....3
 Att 15,627 L Baker 25, 64
Middlesbrough (0).....2 **Cardiff** (1).....3
 Watmore 76 Wilmot 45
 Rodrigo Muniz 77 O'Dowda 4
 Harris 20, Ng 45
 Att 22,124

Preston North End (1).....1 **Burnley** (1).....1
 Storey 15 Harwood-Bellis 10
 Att 20,212
Sheff Utd (0).....1
 Khadra 90

Swansea (0).....0 **Sheff Wed** (0).....0
 Att 15,458 Khadra 90

Leading Positions: 1 Sheff Utd P 9 pts 20, 2 Norwich (8-15), 3 Blackburn (9-15), 4 Reading (8-15), 5 Burnley (9-14), 6 Bristol City (8-14)

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE
Barnsley (1).....1 **Port Vale** (0).....1
 Kitching 43 Harrison 83
 Att 9,552

Burton Albion (0).....0 **Portsmouth** (0).....2
 Att 2,945 Hughes 59 (og), Bishop 86

Charlton (1).....1 **Forest Green** (1).....1
 Blackett-Taylor 9 Wickham 45

Cheltenham (0).....2 **Cambridge Utd** (1).....1
 N'Lundulu 59 May 28
 May 83 Att 3,004

Ipswich (1).....2 **Bristol Rovers** (0).....0
 Chaplin 24, Evans 55 Att 22,209

Lincoln City (1).....2 **Derby** (0).....0
 Diamond 12 (pen) Att 9,622

Milton Keynes Dons (0).....0 **Bolton** (1).....2
 Att 6,339 Charles 31 (pen), Jones 60

Morecambe (0).....0 **Sheff Wed** (0).....3
 Windass 70

Peterborough (0).....0 **Fleetwood Town** (1).....1
 Att 6,087 Byers 78, Smith 83

Plymouth (0).....1 **Oxford Utd** (0).....0
 Whittaker 70 Vela 23

Shrewsbury (2).....3 **Exeter** (2).....2
 Pennington 21 Sweeney 17, Grounds 20
 Bayliss 34, Dunkley 90 Att 4,803

Wycombe (1).....1 **Accrington Stanley** (0).....0
 McCarthy 21 Att 3,704

Leading Positions: 1 Ipswich P 8 pts 20, 2 Portsmouth (8-20), 3 Plymouth (8-18), 4 Sheff Wed (8-16), 5 Bolton (8-14), 6 Cambridge Utd (8-13)

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO
AFC Wimbledon (0).....0 **Northampton** (1).....2
 Att 6,618 Guthrie 27

Barrow (1).....2 **Doncaster** (0).....0
 Whitfield 37, Warren 78 Att 3,295

Crawley Town (2).....3 **Stockport County** (1).....2
 Tilley 5 Crankshaw 17

Telford 36 Hussey 52
 Tsaroulla 56 Att 2,187

Grimsby (1).....1 **Gillingham** (1).....1
 Taylor 7 Mandron 14
 Att 5,960

Harrogate Town (0).....0 **Salford City** (0).....1
 Att 1,350 Lund 90

Hartlepool (1).....1 **Crewe** (0).....1
 Umerah 33 (pen) Agyei 86
 Att 4,002

Mansfield (0).....0 **Carlisle** (0).....0
 Att 5,421

Rochdale (0).....0 **Leyton Orient** (1).....1
 Att 2,173 Moncur 35

Stevenage (0).....1 **Newport County** (0).....0
 Gilbey 48 Att 2,109

Swindon (2).....2 **Sutton Utd** (2).....2
 Shade 35, Williams 38 Randall 4, 42
 Att 7,589

Tranmere (0).....1 **Bradford** (1).....2
 Hemmings 49 Cook 3, 75
 Att 4,327

Walsall (0).....1 **Colchester** (1).....1
 Knowles 61 Nouble 2

Leading Positions: 1 Leyton Orient P 8 pts 22, 2 Stevenage (8-19), 3 Barrow (8-18), 4 Salford City (8-17), 5 Northampton (8-17), 6 Bradford (8-14)

TODAY'S FIXTURES
 (Football 7.45pm unless stated)

FOOTBALL
UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP A: Rangers v Napoli (8). **GROUP E:** AC Milan v Dinamo Zagreb (5.45). **GROUP F:** Chelsea v Red Bull Salzburg (8). **GROUP G:** Real Madrid v RB Leipzig (8). **SHAKHTAR DONETSK v Celtic** (5.45). **GROUP H:** FC Copenhagen v Sevilla (8). **Man City v Borussia Dortmund** (8). **GROUP I:** Juventus v Benfica (8). **Maccabi Haifa v Paris SG** (8).

THE SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
 Luton v Coventry, Millwall v QPR, Norwich v Bristol City, Reading v Sunderland (8), Rotherham v Blackpool, West Brom v Birmingham (8).

Sport on TV



Football: Shakhtar D v Celtic
 BT Sport 4, 5pm

Football: Manchester City v Borussia Dortmund
 BT Sport 2, 7pm

Rugby union: England v Wales
 ITV4, 7pm

Football: Chelsea v Red Bull Salzburg
 BT Sport 3, 7.15pm

Football: Reading v Sunderland
 Sky Sports Football, 7.30pm

Football: Rangers v Napoli
 BT Sport 4, 7.45pm

BOXING

'Terms agreed' for Joshua-Fury in December with Cardiff set to host

By Katherine Lucas

Anthony Joshua's management team have claimed terms are now agreed with Tyson Fury for the pair's long-awaited heavyweight clash, which is set to take place on 3 December.

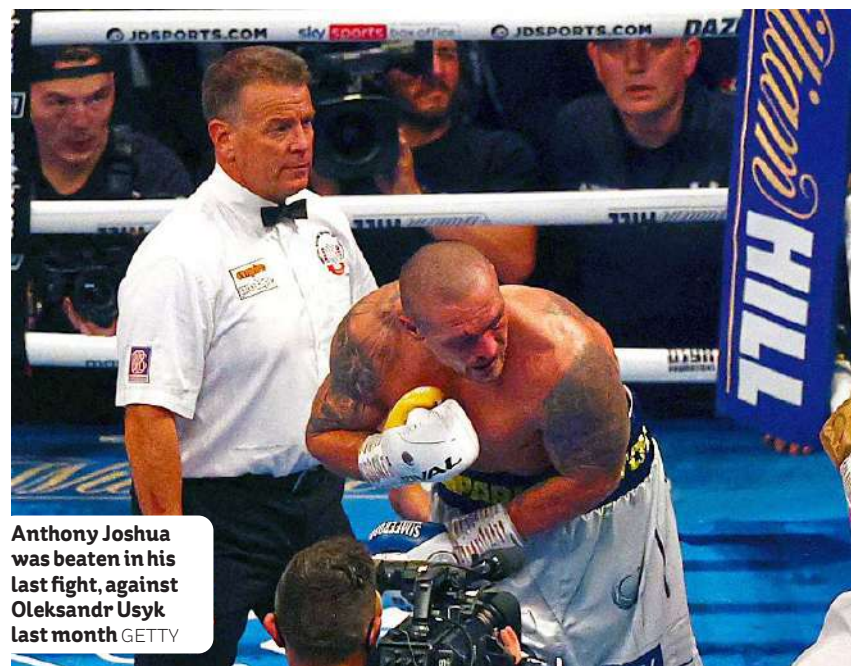
Joshua's company, 258, said it is awaiting a response from the WBC champion but had "accepted all terms presented to us by Fury's team", adding that talks had been delayed since last week "due to the Queen's passing".

Promoter Frank Warren, who handles Fury's business in the UK,

has promised Joshua will be handed a contract soon. Cardiff's Principality Stadium is being widely touted as the venue.

A December date would avoid clashing with other significant sporting events, though it would still coincide with the knockout stage of the Qatar World Cup. An initial date proposed was 17 December, the day before the World Cup final, and was also set to take place in the Middle East. A February date was also explored, but that is Super Bowl season in the US.

"Terms agreed" does not necessarily mean the fight will go ahead



Anthony Joshua was beaten in his last fight, against Oleksandr Usyk last month GETTY

regardless, even if a date and venue have been pencilled in.

Last summer, a provisional date of 14 August in Saudi Arabia was set, but the bout collapsed when Fury became involved in a protracted saga

over the completion of his trilogy with Deontay Wilder.

In 2018, Joshua had also agreed terms with Wilder but their clash never materialised, largely due to negotiations over the purse split. As a

RUGBY UNION

Buyer agreed for Worcester but club still in limbo as RFU waits on details

Hugh Godwin

RUGBY UNION CORRESPONDENT

Worcester co-owners Colin Goldring and Jason Whittingham have agreed terms with an undisclosed buyer for the financially stricken club.

But the waiting game continued yesterday, as the Rugby Football Union was not yet in receipt of the information it needs to approve any new ownership of the financially-stricken Premiership club.

Worcester's managing director Peter Kelly had informed staff on Monday that final terms on a sale were being worked out, and the buyers had agreed to deposit money to cover outstanding wages owed and enable Sunday's match with Exeter to go ahead at Sixways.

Twickenham had received evidence of provision of insurance and medical cover that allowed Worcester to start the league season last Saturday, with the Warriors losing 45-14 at London Irish last Saturday, and it is understood that continues for this weekend. But the RFU will run a fit-and-proper person test on new directors at the time of purchase of a club.

Worcester are deep in debt and subject to a winding-up petition from HMRC over unpaid tax, due to be heard on 6 October.

"We have been working closely with the interested party on the immediate deposit of significant funds which will allow Sunday's Premiership match against Exeter at Sixways and Saturday's Allianz Cup tie between University of Worcester Warriors and Harlequins to go ahead



Worcester lost 45-14 to London Irish in their Premiership opener PA

as scheduled," a club statement read. It added that an update on the sale and this weekend's match would follow today.

Supporters and others have been poring over Companies House and Land Registry documents, and seeing activity some have regarded as suspicious, prompting some to fear asset-stripping and to query how much Goldring and Whittingham may have extracted from the business in their four years of involvement.

It would take an insider's intimate knowledge of the club's accounts, in the face of several layers of ownership vertically and horizontally, to be certain of Worcester's financial position during the co-owners' tenure. As directors, they appear to have been paid £600,000 in 2019, so may have upped that to £1.8m if it continued in 2020 and 2021. It is believed the business received £13.5m from CVC after the investment fund bought a stake in the Premiership in late 2018 – at around the same time Goldring and Whittingham bought Worcester –

and another £10m-plus in the form of a loan from the government as part of its winter sport Covid survival package. "All the [Covid] money was retained within Worcester Warriors," Whittingham said.

The figure reportedly owed to HMRC is £6m, and other creditors include local businesses, player agents and Gloucester over the cancellation of a match last season. This last matter is delicate in itself as Gloucester are due to host Worcester twice in the next three weeks.

"Everything we are doing here is trying to avoid administration, which we see as catastrophic," said Whittingham. "All of it is for sale: the stadium, the land and the sporting asset. And for clarity all of it sits within the same group as it did the day we acquired it four years ago."

On Monday former Warriors director Jim O'Toole joined business partner James Sandford to announce a financial offer for Worcester – but with the caveat that the club would need to go into administration.

Season should have started later - McCall

By Duncan Bech

Saracens boss Mark McCall insists the Premiership is missing the opportunity to make an impactful start to the season through the absence of England players for the opening rounds.

McCall is deciding which of his international stars are ready to face Harlequins on Saturday having supplied Owen Farrell, Mako and Billy Vunipola, Maro Itoje, Jamie George and Nick Isiekwe to the tour of Australia.

Apart from Isiekwe, who is out for up five months following an undisclosed surgery, they are all subject to the 10-week stand-down period introduced on player welfare grounds.

The majority of England players including Quins half-backs Marcus Smith and Danny Care were not in action in round one, however, and McCall believes beginning the Premiership deeper into September would provide for a better spectacle.

"It's a pity that the season doesn't start a little bit later sometimes so that it can get off to a bang with everybody available. Sometimes that's just not the case," said McCall. "It's a difficult balance between having those players available for us and doing the right thing for them. We'll make sensible decisions around the England players and hopefully we will see a few this weekend."

Saracens received a bye in the first round of the Premiership and their mission for the months ahead is to find the consistency that proved elusive during their return to the top flight.

Sport in brief

RUGBY LEAGUE

Injured Walmsley to miss World Cup



St Helens prop Alex Walmsley has been ruled out of the remainder of the Super League season and the World Cup with a foot injury.

Walmsley (above) sustained the problem in his side's defeat at Wigan at the end of last month and scans have now revealed the extent of the issue.

Saints said in a statement: "Initial scans showed a short-term injury, but subsequent results have revealed an injury with a much longer recovery period."

"Walmsley will therefore not feature in Saints' Super League run-in and will also miss out on a home World Cup with England."

Saints host Salford in their play-off semi-final on Saturday.

TENNIS

Dart misses out on passing Raducanu



Harriet Dart suffered a frustrating first-round exit to Tereza Martincova at the Slovenia Open in a result that ensures Emma Raducanu will remain British number one.

World number 85 Dart (above) received a lucky loser entry into the tournament at Portoroz and dished out a bagel to her opponent in the opener before she went down 0-6, 6-4, 6-1.

There was better news for Jodie Burrage in Slovenia after she beat Aleksandra Krunic 6-4, 6-4 to join Raducanu in the last 16.

CRICKET

Bazball has transformed England, now task is to seek same success on the road

Chris Stocks



The question for England after a golden summer of Test cricket that saw them win six matches from seven is whether Bazball can now have the same success abroad?

Coach Brendon McCullum (below right), after whom England's new exciting style has been named, was reluctant to be drawn on the matter in the aftermath of his side's 2-1 series victory against South Africa this week, saying: "These summers don't come around often, and these memories don't get created easily. Obviously you've got to be able to do things differently in different conditions, but for now let's enjoy what we've been able to achieve."

England will be greeted by different conditions in Pakistan in December. Cricket on the sub-continent can often be a slow grind, with Australia needing 15 days of cricket to eventually win their series in Pakistan 1-0 during the final session of the final Test back in March.

However, former captain Joe Root sees no reason why Bazball can't work away from home. "We'll certainly give it a go," he said. "Look at the way we played at Old Trafford and you can see there's more to it. You saw a different side to this team, a side that can absorb pressure, can play in a slightly different fashion. We're not just a one-trick pony."

That second Test against South Africa in Manchester last month saw England patiently



Kemp's fifty not enough

An unbeaten fifty from Freya Kemp was not enough for England as India levelled their T20 series 1-1 with an eight-wicket victory at Derby yesterday. Kemp, 17, hit 51 not out as she became the second youngest Englishwoman to make fifty for her country. But Smriti Mandhana reeled off 79 not out in the winning chase.

pile up 415 for 9 declared to set up an innings victory. That was in stark contrast to the adrenaline-fuelled run chases of early summer that saw them knock off four successive targets in excess of 270 against New Zealand and India. But England still went

at almost four runs an over as they wrapped up the victory inside three days in Manchester.

The optimism generated is merited given that England have shown they can find more than one way to win. And there's no reason why the values integral to their new style – having fun, lifting pressure from players and looking for the positive option – can't translate to away tours.

It will also stand England in good stead for next summer's Ashes, with Ben Stokes (left) rightly saying he is looking forward to that series and admitting England's attack will be "scary" if fast bowlers Jofra Archer and Mark Wood are fit by then.

McCullum also has no doubt that both James

Anderson and Stuart Broad, who turn 41 and 37 respectively next summer, will be there for the Ashes.

"Those guys are phenomenal cricketers," he said. "What they're doing is continuing to build on the legacy they're going to leave for the next generation. The time they're giving other people in the dressing room is phenomenal. Stuff you don't see behind the scenes. The time, the effort and the confidence they're giving the other guys is remarkable, really."

There is also the fact that this is a team led by a captain in Stokes who is such a force of nature that even McCullum is in awe of him. "His own game is phenomenal, his leadership qualities are amazing and he runs through brick walls for the side," the New Zealander said.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Amla's 97 hands Surrey a lifeline



Hashim Amla dug County Championship Division One leaders Surrey out of trouble after they lurched to 80 for 4 in response to Northamptonshire's 339 all out.

By stumps, the ex-South Africa captain (above) was closing in on a 57th first-class century, with his 97 not out helping Surrey close on 224 for 5.

Earlier Northamptonshire lost their last five wickets for 46 runs with Rob Keogh the penultimate man out for 123, having followed first-day centurion Emilio Gay to three figures.

West Indies seamer Kemar Roach finished with 5 for 95 before Surrey found themselves in a hole and while Amla and Cameron Steel (48) rallied, the visitors remain 115 adrift going into the third day.

Scoreboards

LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - FIRST DIVISION

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE V SURREY

NORTHAMPTON (Day 2 of 4): Surrey are trailing Northamptonshire by 115 runs with 5 first-innings wickets in hand
Surrey elected to bowl
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE – First Innings 249-4 (Gay 145)
First Innings Contd

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
R I Keogh c Steel b Roach	123	0	15	180	245
†R Vasconcelos c Patel b Atkinson	18	0	3	19	24
Saif Zaib lbw b Steel	4	0	0	16	13
J J G Sales c Geddes b Roach	7	0	1	20	20
L B Williams lbw b Roach	0	0	0	7	9
B W Sanderson c Steel b Worrall	11	0	0	11	21
C J White not out	0	0	0	1	3
Extras (lb4, nb4)	8				
Total (89.1 overs)	339				

Fall: 1-77, 2-91, 3-94, 4-249, 5-283, 6-293, 7-310, 8-312, 9-339.

Bowling: K A J Roach 20-1-95-5, D J Worrall 20.1-4-64-2, J Clark 18-2-62-0, T K Curran 11-2-39-0, G A P Atkinson 12-0-39-2, C T Steel 6-1-27-1, R Patel 2-0-9-0.

SURREY – First Innings

First Innings Contd

Runs **6s** **4s** **Bls** **Min**

*R J Burns lbw b Sanderson 10 0 2 11 17

R Patel c Williams b White 10 0 0 31 39

H M Amla not out 97 0 7 201 256

B B A Geddes c Vasconcelos b White 6 0 1 16 25

†J L Smith b Procter 17 0 1 38 56

C T Steel b Keogh 48 0 6 93 128

J Clark not out 14 1 1 24 25

Extras (b5 lb5 nb12) 22

Total (for 5, 68 overs) 224

Fall: 1-20, 2-30, 3-46, 4-80, 5-195.

To Bat: T K Curran, G A P Atkinson, K A J Roach, D J Worrall.

Bowling: B W Sanderson 15-1-40-1, C J White 16-3-34-2, L B Williams 13-1-47-0, L Procter 10-3-33-1, J J G Sales 4-0-28-0, R I Keogh 7-0-23-1, Saif Zaib 3-0-9-0.

Umpires: G D Lloyd and P J Hartley.

WARWICKSHIRE V SOMERSET

EDGBASTON (Day 2 of 4): Somerset are leading Warwickshire by 36 runs with 8 second-innings wickets in hand
Somerset won toss

SOMERSET – First Innings 182-8 (Siraj 4-54)

First Innings Contd

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
L Gregory c Burgess b Siraj	60	4	4	97	138
Sajid Khan not out	53	0	9	64	81
J A Brooks c Davies b Brookes	15	0	2	23	38
Extras (b8 w1 nb4)	13				
Total (65.4 overs)	219				

Fall: 1-12, 2-17, 3-46, 4-46, 5-46, 6-66, 7-82, 8-140, 9-182.

Bowling: O J Hannan-Dalby 14-5-43-1, Mohammed Siraj 24-6-82-5, J Yadav 14-2-42-1, H J H Brookes 12-4-0-26-3, D R Briggs 1-0-18-0.

WARWICKSHIRE – First Innings

First Innings Contd

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
R M Yates c Rew b Davey	0	0	0	3	3
D P Sibley c Rew b Gregory	5	0	0	35	61
A L Davies c Rew b Gregory	9	0	1	20	22
S R Hain lbw b Brooks	67	0	6	166	248
*W M H Rhodes c Rew b Aldridge	38	0	3	99	117
J Yadav b Brooks	29	0	4	54	68
†M G K Burgess b Brooks	0	0	0	3	3
D R Briggs b Aldridge	15	0	2	36	48
H J H Brookes c Gregory b Brooks	9	0	2	10	9
Mohammed Siraj not out	21	0	2	34	53
O J Hannan-Dalby b Davey	2	0	0	28	35
Extras (b1)	1				
Total (81.2 overs)	196				

Fall: 1-0, 2-13, 3-22, 4-95, 5-141, 6-141, 7-156, 8-166, 9-180.

Bowling: J H Davey 12-2-4-20-2, L Gregory 16-4-2-48-2, J A Brooks 18-3-40-4, Sajid Khan 18-3-46-0, K L Aldridge 14-4-30-2, T A Lammonby 2-2-0-11-0.

SOMERSET – Second Innings

First Innings Contd

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
T A Lammonby not out	11	0	2	30	31
Imam ul Haq c Hain b Siraj	0	0	0	5	8
K L Aldridge b Yadav	0	0	0	7	15
*T B Abell not out	2	0	0	6	10
Extras	2				
Total (for 2, 8 overs)	13				

Fall: 1-0, 2-7.

To Bat: G A Bartlett, L P Goldsworthy, T J E K Rew, L Gregory.

Bowling: Sajid Khan, J A Brooks.

Bowling: O J Hannan-Dalby 2-1-5-0, Mohammed Siraj 2-1-1-4-30-2, T A Lammonby 2-2-0-11-0.

Umpires: N A Mallender and J D Middlebrook.

YORKSHIRE V ESSEX

HEADINGLEY (Day 2 of 4): Yorkshire are trailing Essex by 4 runs with 8 second-innings wickets in hand
Essex elected to bowl

YORKSHIRE – First Innings 134

ESSEX – First Innings

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
N L J Browne b Thompson	1	0	0	2	5
A N Cook lbw b Patterson	23	0	4	58	83
*T Westley lbw b Thompson	20	0	4	52	66
D W Lawrence c Tattersall b Hill	61	0	8	145	205
M J J Critchley lbw b Thompson	15	0	2	37	54
†I N Khushi lbw b Coad	1	0	0	8	8
†A M Rossington lbw b Coad	8	0	2	15	24
S Snater c Sub b Hill	46	1	6	48	65
B M J Allison lbw b Thompson	23	1	4	55	67
S J Cook c Tattersall b Hill	6	0	1	22	29
J A Porter not out	0	0	0	1	4
Extras (b4 lb11 nb6)	21				
Total (73.2 overs)	225				

Fall: 1-1, 2-44, 3-50, 4-80, 5-85, 6-105, 7-180, 8-209, 9-225.

Bowling: B O Coad 15-7-34-2, J A Thompson 14-1-60-3, S A Patterson 18-6-33-1, M L Revis 7-1-40-0, G C Hill 13-2-5-22-3, J W Shutt 6-1-21-0.

YORKSHIRE – Second Innings

First Innings Contd

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
A Lyth c Rossington b S J Cook	4	0	0	21	29
F J Bean not out	41	0	8	79	109
G C Hill c S J Cook b Porter	33	0	3	68	82
Extras (b1 lb4 nb4)	9				
Total (for 2, 27.4 overs)	87				

Fall: 1-25, 2-87.

To Bat: T Kohler-Cadmore, W A R Fraine, *†J A Tattersall, M L Revis, J W Shutt, J A Thompson, B O Coad, S A Patterson.

Bowling: J A Porter 6-4-1-30-1, S J Cook 7-3-12-1, S Snater 5-1-21-0, B M J Allison 5-2-8-0, M J J Critchley 3-0-10-0, D W Lawrence 1-0-1-0.

Umpires: R J Bailey and R A White.

SECOND DIVISION

LEICESTERSHIRE V DURHAM

GRACE ROAD (Day 2 of 4): Durham are leading Leicestershire by 37 runs with 5 first-innings wickets in hand
Durham elected to bowl

LEICESTERSHIRE – First Innings 97-2

First Innings Contd

Runs **6s** **4s** **Bls** **Min**

S Budinger lbw b Raine 64 1 10 72 109

L Kimber c Mackintosh b Potts 2 0 0 19 28

C N Ackermann lbw b Coughlin 18 0 4 27 37

†H Swindells c Mackintosh b Potts 1 0 0 7 18

T A R Scriven c Maddinson b Coughlin 4 0 1 14 24

E Barnes b Potts 3 0 0 9 9

*C F Parkinson c Maddinson b Potts 31 0 5 70 88

C J C Wright c Mackintosh b Potts 29 0 4 47 60

M Finan not out 6 1 0 8 18

Extras (b23 lb7) 30

Total (56 overs) 202

Fall: 1-74, 2-97, 3-99, 4-111, 5-123, 6-127, 7-130, 8-130, 9-179.

Bowling: B A Raine 15-6-38-1, M J Potts 19-5-52-6, O J Gibson 7-0-35-0, P Coughlin 15-6-47-3.

DURHAM – First Innings

First Innings Contd

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
M A Jones c Ackermann b Parkinson	97	0	16	157	207
S R Dickson c Patel b Parkinson	26	0	3	73	109
*S G Borthwick b Parkinson	30	0	4	72	117
N J Maddinson not out	37	0	4	69	89
D G Bedingham c Swindells b Wright	20	0	3	26	37
P Coughlin c Swindells b Wright	1	0	0	3	7
B A Raine not out	7	0	0	23	27
Extras (b4 lb8 w3 nb6)	21				
Total (for 5, 70 overs)	239				

Fall: 1-94, 2-161, 3-186, 4-219, 5-221.

To Bat: G S Drissell, †T S S Mackintosh, O J Gibson, M J Potts.

Bowling: C J C Wright 18-7-40-2, M Finan 13-3-48-0, E Barnes 12-2-47-0, T A R Scriven 12-1-42-0, C F Parkinson 13-0-45-3, C N Ackermann 1-0-4-0, L Kimber 1-0-1-0.

Umpires: T Lungle and C M Watts.

MIDDLESEX V GLAMORGAN

Lord's: Glamorgan 214 (54.1 overs; C B Cooke 52; R F Higgins 4-59). **Middlesex 286-5** (81.3 overs; M D Stoneman 128, J A Simpson 72no).

SUSSEX V WORCESTERSHIRE

Hove: Sussex 220 (59.2 overs; J J Carson 58, J M Coles 54, F J Hudson-Prentice 51; J Leach 4-37). **Worcestershire 289-2** (80.0 overs; J D Libby 142no, E J Pollock 98).

FOOTBALL



Wales qualified for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar thanks to Gareth Bale's (No 11) winning goal against Ukraine in June GETTY IMAGES

Sheen's coming to the World Cup with me, says Page

By Phil Blanche

Wales manager Robert Page plans to invite Michael Sheen to the World Cup after the Hollywood actor's "significant" speech on television.

Sheen's passionate oratory on Sky's sports panel show *A League of Their Own* has gone viral on social media, with the two-minute clip having had over 13m views.

Olympic gold medallist Michael Johnson posted on Twitter that Sheen's performance "sounds awesome", while *Match of the Day* host Gary Lineker said it had given him "goosebumps".

Page and his players are keen to meet the *Damned United* and *Frost/Nixon* star (above), saying the presence of the Port Talbot-raised actor in Qatar can help them at the World Cup in November.

"He's coming to the first [World Cup] game with me," said Page, speaking after signing a new four-year contract that sees him in charge of Wales for the 2024 European Championship and 2026 World Cup



qualifying campaigns. "It's fantastic. I well up every time I watch it. I'd been in a meeting in Cardiff and my phone was going mad so I knew something significant had happened.

"When I watched it, wow, [I was] very emotional.

"I want to thank him for doing that. I want to let him know that I appreciate what he's done there. Because we're on the map, but he's taken it to another level for us.

"I've already had messages from the players... they want to get him in straight away, absolutely."

Sheen was appearing on the Sky One show alongside Jamie Redknapp, Micah Richards and England goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale, who Wales could come up against in their World Cup group game.

In his speech, Sheen referred to the fixture against England, saying: "Give them some Welsh sugar."

Page said: "Outstanding, outstanding. Give them some sugar."

"When you've got the passion to do that, we've got to use it to our benefit."

Daniel Storey



CHIEF FOOTBALL WRITER

Game is fast running out of room to sort fixture backlog

English football's longest season just got longer. The uniqueness of the 2022-23 domestic season – broken up by a World Cup that was originally awarded as a summer tournament – squeezed the calendar like never before. The passing of Queen Elizabeth II – and the knock-on impact of respect and policing issues – will push it to breaking point.

The issue almost exclusively affects those Premier League clubs who are likely to go deep into European competition. In 2013, Uefa fined the Premier League £1.1m for scheduling matches on the same day as Champions League and Europa League fixtures, but that stance has since been relaxed and that would surely be permissible here.

Those clubs who are competing in Uefa competition knockout rounds do not get that privilege. Last season, Liverpool played 63 matches in reaching the finals of the FA Cup, Carabao Cup and Champions League. By the start of October this season, they will have played only nine. It is not possible to fit in 50-odd more matches with a five-week World Cup break and the Premier League and Football Association must plan for their presence in every available game.

Between now and 2023, there is simply no room. Every single midweek between now and Qatar is being used: four Uefa competition match weeks, one round of Premier League games and a Carabao Cup round in early November. Domestic football is already stacked over the festive period – it restarts two days after the World Cup final with another Carabao Cup round and

then sees three rounds of league games between 26 December and 2 January.

And if the calendar creates obvious gaps, they are only a mirage. The three currently vacant midweeks – 4 April, 2 May, 23 May – are deliberately placed for those clubs involved in the Carabao Cup final, FA Cup quarter-finals and semi-finals to rearrange league games; governing bodies will be hoping for domestic cup upsets and the progression of clubs who are not in Europe.

For now, there is still some wiggle room. Discussions will or could take place over scrapping replays in the FA Cup third and fourth rounds. There is an option to extend the Premier League season by a week (the Nations League semi-finals do not begin until 14 June) and play the FA Cup final a week later on 10 June. One mooted option, swapping around the FA Cup and Premier League final weekend, gets messy because the EFL play-off finals are due to be played at Wembley on that weekend. FA Cup final at the Millennium Stadium, anyone?

Although the rules around Covid-19 postponements have been updated to require at least four positive cases, numbers are likely to rise again in winter and may again play a part. Winter weather has rarely caused recent Premier League postponements any spell of extreme weather that forced games to be called off would evaporate any hope of the season finishing

on time or force some clubs to play four games in a week: Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday.

But away from all this, a broader point emerges. There is rarely any sympathy for football players and managers who raise the point of safeguarding as the game's powerbrokers cram more and more product into the same-sized hole. But someone has to take a stand and something has to give.

If there is an acceptance that standards will drop and that the fate of seasons may be determined by fatigue and injuries, fine. If the expectation is that footballers simply have to perform as circus animals, wheeled out for our entertainment and woe betide anyone who lets standards drop, we have an inescapable problem.

Perhaps all this will come out in the wash. Maybe the weather gods will be kind, Covid-19 outbreaks will be limited and English clubs will tumble out of European competition and domestic cups to allow spaces will appear in the calendar ex nihilo. If so, you suspect that nobody will learn anything – "We were confident that we could flog them and we were right".

But then that is precisely the point. The national sport should not be left crossing its fingers that scheduling calamities can be avoided, and there should be constructed breaks for non-outlandish issues. The calendar can never be a slave to football; in return, football should not be a slave to the calendar.

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Matches played by Liverpool (all competitions) before October

Football in brief

EFL

Blades move clear as EFL makes its comeback

The English Football League returned to action for the first time since the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, with the national anthem played before matches, periods of silence held and black armbands worn.

In the Championship, leaders Sheffield United opened up a four-gap over Norwich City after Reda Khadra's late effort earned a 1-0 victory away to Swansea City.

Blackburn Rovers moved up to third place, a point behind the Canaries, after a 2-0 home win over Watford. Ryan Hedges and Dominic Hyam scored late in either



Ryan Hedges scored Blackburn's opener in their win over Watford

half at Ewood Park to give Jon Dahl Tomasson's side a third win in seven.

Vincent Kompany's Burnley moved up to fifth after trading early goals with Preston at Deepdale. Taylor Harwood-Bellis, on loan from Manchester City, put the Clarets in front after 10 minutes before Jordan Storey levelled five minutes later.

Cardiff held off a Middlesbrough comeback to win 3-2 at the Riverside, the Bluebirds having led 3-0 at the break. Lewis Baker scored twice as Stoke won 3-0 at Hull while Callum Lang's late goal gave Wigan a 2-1 win at Huddersfield.

SCOTLAND

Clarke: Gilmour's not very lucky

Steve Clarke noted Billy Gilmour's peculiar predicament after naming him in the Scotland squad for the Nations League matches against Ukraine and Republic of Ireland.

The 21-year-old midfielder moved to Brighton from Chelsea on deadline day before boss Graham Potter moved to Stamford Bridge a week later to replace Thomas Tuchel.

Clarke light-heartedly said: "He's not very lucky, Billy, is he? "But he has everything to play for at Brighton."

WSL

Gunners lend new signing to Everton



Arsenal have signed Brazilian international forward Gio Queiroz, 19, from Barcelona and loaned

her out to Everton for the season, the Women's Super League club said yesterday. Queiroz (above) was part of the Barcelona squad that won the women's Champions League, Spanish league and Spanish Cup in the 2020-21 season. She then had a loan spell at Levante, where she netted 11 goals in 31 matches.

GROUP G MANCHESTER CITY v BORUSSIA DORTMUND

Guardiola has no worries over potential fixture pile-up

By Andy Hampson

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola is not concerned about the prospect of a fixture pile-up. The Premier League champions' clash with Tottenham last weekend was postponed following the death of the Queen and there is also a possibility their trip to Arsenal on 19 October will be moved.

That is because the Gunners could reschedule their postponed Europa League tie against PSV Eindhoven for that midweek.

With the World Cup due to interrupt the season for six weeks from mid-November, it seems unlikely these City games could be played before the new year.

That could create a backlog in the second half of the campaign, but Guardiola is not worrying about it now.

"The Premier League has the ability to find [room for] the fixtures," said Guardiola before tonight's Champions League clash with Borussia Dortmund. "Maybe the Tottenham game will be in February or March because now I think it is not possible. We will find a way."

"There's the Carabao Cup, FA Cup at that moment but we will find a way. We are going to play this postponed game, it's not a problem."



Pep Guardiola has brought in three ex-Dortmund players this summer

Always the fixtures were so tight every season."

The visit of Dortmund sees Erling Haaland face a quick reunion with the club he left in the summer. Two other recent signings, Sergio Gomez and Manuel Akanji, are also former Dortmund players.

"They know these players better than I know Dortmund players, that's for sure," said Guardiola.

"They can get that benefit but we'll see if it's an advantage or disadvantage, but these three know the qualities of the Dortmund players too."

{i} Probable Etihad Stadium teams:
Manchester City (4-3-3) Ederson; Cancelo, Akanji, Dias, Gomez; De Bruyne, Rodri, Gundogan; Silva, Haaland, Foden.
Borussia Dortmund (4-2-3-1) Meyer; Meunier; Sule, Schlotterbeck, Guerreiro; Ocran, Bellingham; Brandt, Reus, Reyna; Modeste.
Kick-off 8pm Television BT Sport 2
Referee D Orsato (It)

GROUP A RANGERS v NAPOLI

Van Bronckhorst: We won't change style of play

By Ronnie Esplin

Giovanni van Bronckhorst will stand by his style of play, despite successive 4-0 defeats putting him under the spotlight ahead Rangers' Champions League clash with Napoli at Ibrox.

The Light Blues began their first Champions League campaign in 12 years last week with a demoralising drubbing by Ajax in Amsterdam, which followed a heavy loss to Old Firm rivals Celtic at Parkhead in the Premiership.

Quizzed about a possible change for tonight's visit of the Serie A leaders, the Gers boss (right) said: "No, nothing to change about philosophy. Two weeks ago we qualified for the Champions League."

"Everything was fine. Everyone was praised – about the team, about the staff, about the club. We're doing well. Two defeats later it looks like we haven't performed in the last couple of years. That's the dynamic of football. I'm not changing anything about my philosophy, how I want to play."

"The most disappointing thing



about the last two games is that we didn't perform. That's the disappointment I have, for sure the players have it because we have talked about it. That's something that has to change.

"You don't play every year in the Champions League. We can go to Ajax and play with 10 defenders and try and keep the zero, but we're not improving as a team like that. I'm sure the opponent we faced against Ajax was an experience my team won't forget."

"Playing at home for us is a big difference. Being a Rangers manager or a Rangers player, two defeats in a row is not acceptable."

Injured goalkeeper Jon McLaughlin will be replaced by 40-year-old Allan McGregor, while James Tavernier has shrugged off a knock and should start.

{i} Probable Ibrox teams:
Rangers (4-2-3-1) McGregor; King, Goldson, Sands, Barisic; Davis, Lundstram; Arfield, Kamara, Kent; Colak.
Napoli (4-3-3) Meret; Di Lorenzo, Rrahmani, Kim, Rui; Zambo Anguissa, Lobotka, Zielinski; Lozano, Simeone, Kvaratskhelia.
Kick-off 8pm Television BT Sport 4
Referee A M Mateu Lahoz (Sp).

Secret of Haaland's success unveiled: He's a master of scanning

Norwegian academic identifies what makes City's phenomenon so good

Mark Douglas

NORTHERN FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT



Erling Haaland's genius is undisputed – but unpicking what makes the Manchester City star such a singular talent is not as straightforward as the striker's rapier runs.

There are, after all, others among the elite who have similar physical gifts. He is not the only "mentality monster" – to borrow a Jürgen Klopp catchphrase – of his generation. And few of his contemporaries touch the ball as little as he does.

A Norwegian academic has pinpointed what might just make him the most lethal goalscorer on the planet, believing a significant chunk of his talent lies in the unique way that he views and acts on what is happening around him.

Professor Geir Jordet is an expert in football psychology at the Norwegian School of Sports Sciences. He has conducted world leading research into how players "scan" what is around them and 25 years of analysis has proved the link between scanning and player performance. "Scanning is about the method that players use to collect information on the pitch," he explains to **i**.

"It literally means you're directing your eyes away from the ball to collect information that will help you when you get the ball. The reason this is good is that it's concrete, it's measurable and you can see it, so you can coach it."

"It gives us an entry point into saying something about a player's vision, awareness and perception, these very intangible processes that people know are important but we can't say anything about because they are so vague and abstract."

Haaland, Jordet surmises, is the best striker in the world at this. He does it more often – scanning 0.35 to 0.50 per second as opposed to other Premier League strikers who do it on average 0.28 times per second – and with better quality than any one else in the division. When we see Erling Haaland we see a player with a very high scanning frequency. He scans quite a lot, particularly compared to other forwards.

"We see he benefits a lot from his scanning. He does it in the right way, at the right time and it's



{i} Jude Bellingham admits he is "not really sure" how Borussia Dortmund can stop their former star Erling Haaland. England and Dortmund midfielder Bellingham said: "We'll have to find out tomorrow."

very logical that he gets a benefit from it."

Jordet identified three things Haaland uses scanning for: to find space in and around the box, to know how much time and space he will have when he receives the ball and also to have advance and detailed knowledge of where the opposition goalkeeper is and how he's standing. Combined with his devastating speed and physique, it's a lethal combination for opposition defenders.

Haaland's ability to spot and process information so efficiently explains why those who focus on his touches-per-game are missing the point. He might not have the ball, but he's doing the hard work off it.

"His perception and cognition is constantly working, even when he doesn't have the ball," Jordet explains.

"So even if he doesn't touch the ball, he's constantly preoccupied with where the space is, where he should move, where he should go to increase the chances of scoring."

"He's not so focused on being involved with the ball as much as possible. He's focused in being involved with the ball at the right times for him, which means when the ball is in the middle of the field or at one of the edges he's

Erling Haaland has a tendency to look around while running or when not in possession; a technique used to devastating effect against Crystal Palace (below left, circled in red) when he scored the second goal of his hat-trick (below, right) GETTY; GEIR JORDET





out a year-long research project at Arsenal under Arsène Wenger, who became an enthusiastic advocate of his work.

Now, with the door open to any research that can help them get an edge on their rivals, the savviest clubs are starting to incorporate Jordet's work into their coaching and scouting of

players. Measuring a player's scanning ability is possible, and clubs are using that in their recruitment.

Next year Jordet will move to London for a sabbatical and has plans to work with clubs in England, although the identity of those teams is under wraps for the moment. He is also the co-founder of a virtual reality app Be Your Best, which teaches the basics of scanning to those with a headset and the desire to learn.

Scanning is a coachable skill, but the best – and Jordet has identified “extraordinary” Kevin De Bruyne and Martin Odegaard as others who excel at it – start early. Odegaard and his father began working on his perception skills at the age of eight.

“I feel like we're only just scratching the surface with this,” Jordet says. If Haaland's example is one to go by, it is an area football needs to dig into.



GROUP E CHELSEA v RED BULL SALZBURG

‘It is not a risk but it is unknown and that is the beauty of life’

By Michael Hincks

Graham Potter insists his “careful” career progression means he has not jumped at the chance to take charge of Chelsea.

Potter addressed the media for the first time as Chelsea head coach yesterday ahead of his first stint in the dugout for a Champions League match tonight.

Potter admitted to having never attended a Champions League game, but when Chelsea host Red Bull Salzburg the 47-year-old will be drawing on his European experience from his spell at the Swedish side Ostersunds.

“I left England when I was 30 years old,” said Potter. “I went to a club that had sacked their manager every year for the last five years, in the fourth tier of Swedish football.

“I left a secure job for an opportunity and 17 years later, after taking careful steps, I haven't jumped at the first opportunity.

“I've tried to understand what was involved and whether it was the right time to take the next challenge. But that's what life is, about going outside your comfort zone and believing there is more to us than what sits here now. I don't see it as a risk in a negative way, but everything is a bit unknown and that's the beauty of life.”

Potter was Brighton's manager this time last week, but what he described as a “whirlwind” followed, with his appointment at Chelsea coming just hours before the Queen's death was announced.

“It was one of those days when in 40 years' time we'll be asking ‘Where were you when it happened?’, and that will be easy for me to answer that's for sure,” he added.

“I had the personal exciting news of being here, and without sounding silly I was the main news, but then I didn't become the news at all.”



Chelsea coach Graham Potter has never attended a European Cup tie

FIVE TAKEAWAYS FROM POTTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE

He is comfortable handling big personalities

The man with a Masters in Emotional Intelligence is not afraid of handling a room full of egos.

“We're still working with people as far as I know,” he said. “There's all this narrative, ‘Top players are this, top players are that’, but people have egos and different things that challenge them. That's the fascinating thing about this job really.”

Potter swayed by ‘intelligent’ owners

Potter was sandwiched between co-owner Behdad Eghbali and co-owner plus chairman Todd Boehly for his unveiling photoshoot last Thursday, but amid rumours Chelsea's new hierarchy irked Thomas Tuchel over their tactics demands, there are no such concerns for the latest head coach.

“I've had some really intense conversations with the owners and quickly I realised they were good

i Probable Stamford Bridge teams:
Chelsea (3-4-3) Kapa, Fofana, Silva, Koulibaly, James, Jorginho, Kovacic, Cucurella; Mount, Sterling, Havertz.
Red Bull Salzburg (5-3-2) Köhn, Dedic, Pavlovic, Bernardo, Ulmer, Seiwald; Capaldo, Kamari, Kjaergaard; Okafor, Fernando.
Kick-off 8pm **Television** BT Sport 3
Referee I Kruzliak (Slovak).

people who have made a huge success of their lives outside football, with exciting ideas of how to take the club forward,” Potter said.

“They have an understanding of what they want to achieve.”

Go ask Kyle about transfers

Potter is expected to have a say regarding Chelsea's appointment of a new sporting director, but when asked about his potential role on transfers he talked up recruitment analyst Kyle Maccaulay.

“Predominantly I've always thought I'm a head coach,” Potter said. “It's not that I don't try and help the club around decisions on transfers, but my main job is to help the players here.”

Potter wants balance, fight, and runners

“The team that I'd like to see is one that is balanced in terms of attack and defence,” he said. “A humble team that when they don't have the ball runs hard and fights, because that's important also. We want to entertain, of course we do, but we also want to win.”

Potter does jokes, but not ‘ifs’

When asked about discussions with his family over taking the Chelsea role, Potter joked that he did not “bog down” his seven and 12-year-old children with too much conversation. He also brushed off the “if” of whether he would have taken charge during the Roman Abramovich era.

“It's not fair on the current owners or the previous regime to compare,” he said.

GROUP F SHAKHTAR DONETSK v CELTIC

Postecoglou calls for more resilience after conceding

By Gavin McCafferty

Celtic manager Ange Postecoglou has challenged his players to show more resilience and staying power as they continue their Champions League campaign against Shakhtar Donetsk.

The Scottish champions created a number of good chances against holders Real Madrid last week but ended up on the end of a 3-0 defeat.

Carlo Ancelotti admitted his Real side “suffered” in the first half but Postecoglou (above) seemed to be more frustrated than he was encouraged after the display.

The Hoops now take on a Ukrainian side in Warsaw who shocked RB Leipzig with a 4-1 win in Germany

last week. “I was a bit frustrated and disappointed because it's not just about playing our football for a certain amount of time,” Postecoglou said. “I don't see any reason why we couldn't have done that for longer.

“In the context of who we were playing against, I understand that you are playing against one of the best teams in the world at the moment, maybe the best.

“And for us to be able to match them by playing our football was encouraging, but I didn't see any reason why that couldn't continue beyond the time it did. Looking back, the disappointing thing was, when we conceded, we conceded again quickly.”

Postecoglou, who will be with-



i Probable Municipal Stadium of Legia Warsaw teams:
Shakhtar Donetsk (4-5-1) Trubin; L Taylor, Bondar, Matvienko, Konoplya; Shved, Bondarenko, Stepanenko, Sudakov, Mudryk; Zubkov.
Celtic (4-3-3) Hart; Juranovic, Carter-Vickers, Jenz, G Taylor; O'Riley, McGregor, Hatate; Abada, Furuhashi, Jota.
Kick-off 5.45pm **Television** BT Sport 4
Referee G Nyberg (Swe).

out the injured Carl Starfelt and ill James McCarthy, added: “If we had hung in the game there's always the chance to create again and just because you concede to them, an unbelievable team, we should have just got back to it and kept playing.

“As encouraging as it was, for me, we could have been more competitive for longer in that game. But that's the levels we are at.

“We want to compete at this level, that's what you've got to do. At this level 60 minutes is never going to be enough. You have to make sure you see the game out and be resilient when you need to.”



GROUP A



Matip banishes Reds' blues in showing strikers how it's done

LIVERPOOL
Salah 17, Matip 89

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AJAX
Kudus 27

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Daniel Storey

CHIEF FOOTBALL WRITER
AT ANFIELD



One cross is all it takes to be reborn. On an anxious, angst-ridden evening at Anfield, Joël Matip watched Liverpool's forwards spurn chances to score, trotted up for an umpteenth corner and buried Ajax with a stooping header that sparked more relief than Jürgen Klopp has got used to generating in the autumn. These were supposed to be easier assign-

ments and this team is supposed to be more coherent than this. But if Klopp has brought champagne nights to Anfield, sometimes Lambrini evenings are enough.

Last season, Liverpool and Ajax became the third and fourth clubs in the last 15 years to record a perfect record in the Champions League group stage. Since then, only change. Ajax signed 10 new players for almost £100m and sold half as many for almost double the amount and somehow appear stronger. At Liverpool, one major first-team signing and another significant departure was supposed to ensure stability and yet everything suddenly felt broken.

Klopp has spoken of a reset, in their mindset more than with a tactical shift or change in basic ethos. He wants his team to understand how hard they must fight to achieve even

their basic goals for this season. With the full-time whistle, the shrill sound provoking relief and the pumped fists of players, Klopp has his blueprint. You fight until the end.

"Mo Salah, Mo Salah, Mo Salah; running down the wing," they sing at Anfield. Liverpool appear to have taken that a little too literally of late. Salah has been stuck to the wing, converted into an elite creator rather than elite goalscorer. It was an odd transformation for a man who had just been given a contract that broke club records ostensibly because his goalscoring had led Liverpool to heights that had once seemed consigned to their history.

Salah is still too peripheral for any Liverpool supporter's liking. He did touch the ball more frequently in the penalty area, but it was almost always in the same scenario: wide edge of the box, well below sprinting pace, two men in front of him. Three attempts is not sufficient for the most regular shot-taker in the Premier League last season, particularly when one goes in and another hits the bar.

We were told that Liverpool's problem was their repeated concession of the opening goal. That made sense: it forced an expansive team to push forward even more at a time when their safety nets were looking frayed. Suddenly Liverpool were abandoning control for outright chaos that they were unable to control.

So then how to explain this? Liverpool took an early lead. Salah did finally come central and got his re-

ward. Klopp's team dominated possession, territory and chances before and after their goal. And then history repeated: an opposition move down the left flank, leaving Trent Alexander-Arnold flat-footed; Virgil van Dijk unable to react quickly enough; an opposition player thrashing home a finish. If nothing else, we know that Liverpool can concede this way in any situation.

Van Dijk used to be Liverpool's soothsaying defender, able to predict where he would be required even before the move had developed. During his first three years - at least - at Anfield, the Dutchman's majesty created an aura that persuaded attackers not to even bother taking him on.

Now something has changed. It's not just that Van Dijk looks slightly imperfect; he's being targeted. Rather than reading a page ahead of the rest, he's now living in the same moment and so having to react to emergencies as well as planning for them.

These are not the only conversations for another day. Darwin Nunez is snatching shots in a bid to impress. Alexander-Arnold was still caught between the two worlds of defence and attack. When Ajax attacked on the break, Liverpool dodged sticky moments that would have led to clangs of crisis.

This matters not, for now. Even if those who talk of crisis are kept outside the door, the only way to muffle their sounds is to suggest that crisis is a time of opportunity as well as adversity. With five minutes left, Liv-



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GROUP D

'Mini Messi' Edwards dazzles to remind Tottenham what they lost

Joël Matip heads in Liverpool's late winner at Anfield last night **REUTERS**

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TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

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By Oliver Young-Myles

It took 46 minutes for an anaemic Champions League tie in Lisbon to get a splash of colour and when it did it came in flashes of green and white via the twinkle-toes of a 23-year-old from Enfield – Sporting forward Marcus Edwards.

Edwards danced away from Eric Dier, then sent him spinning into another dimension with another body swerve, pivoted away from Ivan Perisic, took Ben Davies out of the game with a one-two and then meandered around Cristian Romero as if he were a hungover Sunday league slogger. Hugo Lloris denied the one-time prize jewel in Tottenham's academy crown a dream goal and an all-time Champions League classic.

It wasn't the Frenchman's only intervention of the evening. He and fellow old-timer Perisic were the only players in pale blue who performed to their usual standards.

Edwards's first-team career at Tottenham spanned 15 minutes of a Carabao Cup tie against Gillingham and his dazzling run brought to mind Mauricio Pochettino's comments in 2016 that he reminded him of a certain Argentine No 10. It is no secret that his moniker in the dressing room at the time was "mini Messi".

Edwards might not have got on the scoresheet himself but he celebrated Paulinho's 90th-minute winner with all the zeal as if he had expertly nodded it into the far corner himself. A muted celebration from a former player? Not one bit of it. "I couldn't



Arthur scores Sporting's second goal against Spurs in Lisbon **REUTERS**

be happier," admitted Tottenham's homegrown hero that never was.

Moments later, Edwards watched on as his replacement Arthur slalomed through a couple of tired challenges to score the second, seal the win and send the Jose Alvalade into raptures. For so long it looked as though neither time would win the game, but few could argue that the hosts weren't deserving of a second consecutive group stage victory.

As for Spurs, it was a night to forget and one that could not be put down to weariness after Saturday's match with Manchester City was called off. Spurs had some opportunities, notably when Harry Kane

missed a delicious Perisic cross by a stud's length 20 minutes from time. Richarlison did have the ball in the net but in his eagerness to build on last week's double against Marseille he mistimed his run and was flagged offside.

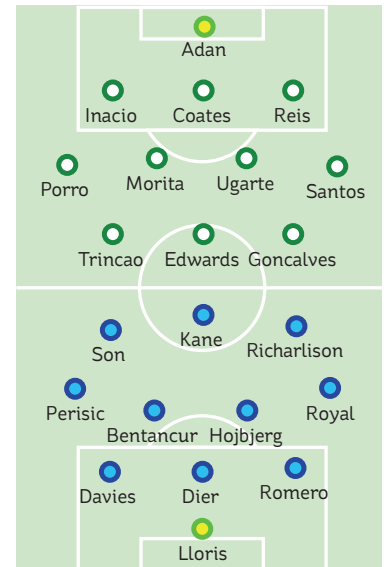
A first defeat of the campaign isn't enough to inspire an inquest, but for the first time, an unconvincing performance was punished. Spurs' Premier League points tally doesn't reflect the quality of performances.

Antonio Conte's assessment was that the game was "in the balance" and that a lack of precision in both boxes cost his team. "In the last 10 minutes we can do much better," he acknowledged. "We tried to get a

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Win for Tottenham Hotspur in five Champions League away matches since the 2019 semi-final win at Ajax

Sporting



Tottenham Hotspur

Substitutions: Sporting Alexandropoulos (Morita, 71), Paulinho (Trincão, 76), Esgaio (Santos, 90), Arthur (Edwards, 90); Tottenham Hotspur Kulusevski (Son, 72).
Booked: Sporting Morita, Reis; Tottenham Hotspur Bentancur, Royal, Hojbjerg.
Man of the match: Paulinho.
Match rating: 7/10.
Possession: Sporting 57% Tottenham Hotspur 43%.
Attempts on target: Sporting 6 Tottenham Hotspur 5.
Referee: S Jovanovic (Serb). **Attendance:** 39,899.

win but then at the end, we lost the game. When you arrive you have to try to fill the box and to be accurate to attack the goal. I think we had two or three situations where we could do much better."

The visitors' night was summed up by Son Heung-min's enduring struggles. The sight of his head bowed to the bench after being substituted following an ineffective display is becoming a regular occurrence. And a problem for his manager.

erpool were playing catch-up. As desperation ceased with one head on one cross, Anfield released its frustration into a war. Seasons can shift on these moments; they know that more than most.

Liverpool



Ajax

Substitutions: Liverpool Firmino (Elliott, 66), Nunez (Jota, 66), Milner (Diaz, 90), Bajcetic (Thiago, 90); Ajax Sanchez (Rensch, 68), Grillitsch (Taylor, 80), Brobbey (Kudus, 86).
Booked: Liverpool Matip; Ajax Alvarez, Berghuis.
Man of the match: Matip.
Match rating: 7/10.
Possession: Liverpool 54% Ajax 46%.
Attempts on target: Liverpool 10 Ajax 1.
Referee: A Soares Dias (Port).
Attendance: 52,387.

ROUND-UP

Hernandez and Sané help maintain Bayern's hold over Barcelona

By James Mariner

Bayern Munich overcame Barcelona for the fourth time in little over two years as the Bundesliga side took a stranglehold on Group C.

As well as the stunning 8-2 quarter-final victory at the Nou Camp in August 2020, Bayern also beat the Catalan side twice in last season's group stage. Second-half goals from Lucas Hernandez and Leroy Sané at the Allianz Arena last night prolonged Barcelona's pain to take the hosts three points clear at the top.

Elsewhere in the group, Inter Milan recorded their first points

of this season's competition as they eased past Viktoria Plzen 2-0. Former Manchester City forward Edin Dzeko scored midway through the first half in the Czech Republic and turned provider to set up Denzel Dumfries for the second.

In Tottenham Hotspur's Group D, Eintracht Frankfurt shocked Marseille 1-0 to join Antonio Conte's side on three points. Jesper Lindstrom hit the winner just before the break in France.

In Group B, Club Brugge are the surprise leaders after an emphatic 4-0 win away to Porto, Ferran Jutgla, from the spot, Kamal Sowah, Andreas Skov



Bayern Munich supporters displayed a banner at the Allianz Arena protesting against the impact of the Queen's passing on football scheduling **GETTY**

Olsen and Antonio Nusa netting in Portugal. Late goals from Robert Andrich and Moussa Diaby earned Bayer Leverkusen a 2-0 home win over the 2014 and 2016 finalists Atletico Madrid.

The other match in Liverpool's Group A, in which Rangers host Italian side Napoli at Ibrox, was moved to tonight at the weekend owing to limitations and availability of police numbers.

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